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"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." Roger Caras

Choosing a Pet Boarding Facility

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The holidays are just around the corner. This is the time of year when many people go on vacation and visit family and friends. Although many places have become pet-friendly, it's not always feasible to take our pets with us and some pets just don't like to travel.

Until I got Sydney, I never boarded any of my pets. However, Sydney was just a puppy and wasn't completely potty trained. So my search for a boarding facility and doggie daycare began.

Here are a few suggestions when looking for a place to board your pet:

- Try to get several recommendations from family, friends, and co-workers.
- Decide on what you're looking for in a facility. For instance, I wanted a facility that had a

"grassy" outdoor play area. The pool was an added benefit!



- Compile a list of questions. Example: How often would my dog be taken out for a walk or exercised?
- Ask for a tour of the facility. Is it clean and well-maintained?
- Speak to the staff. What type of training and experience do they have?
- Consider having your

pet stay for a few hours during the day to see how he or she does.

- Before you actually go on your vacation, have your pet stay overnight once or twice before your actual trip.

My search came to an end after about two weeks when I chose Pet Ville Pet Hotel located at 1049 E. Mission Road in San Marcos, CA.



Check them out for yourself if you ever need a pet boarding facility or doggie daycare.

Halloween Safety Tips for Pets

Remember to...

- Keep your pets in a quiet, safe place away from the front door and trick-or-treaters. This should lessen their stress and keep them from dashing out the door.
- Keep all candy treats away from your pet.

Besides the possibility of a choking hazard, some ingredients can be toxic to your pet. If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

- Keep your pets indoors on Halloween, especially black cats. Animals can be at risk for cruel treatment by some Halloween pranksters. Call local law enforcement if you see or hear anything suspicious.



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Wylie's Corner

Here is Wylie's take on Halloween...

Humans never cease to amaze me. Once a year they dress up their little people in strange costumes and let them walk around the neighborhood at night going door-to-door begging for treats.



I don't get it...I'm not allowed to beg at the dinner table for scraps, but they can go to every house in the neighborhood asking for treats?



The little people also have a special command they use. Whenever they go to a house they say, "Trick or Treat!" I don't know what it means, but it always seems to work. Unless your name is "Charlie Brown" then you get rocks.

If that isn't weird enough, sometimes the big people dress up too. But their costumes are different...I still don't get the French Maid outfit. Whenever my mommy and daddy clean the house they don't dress up like that.

At Halloween parties when humans get hungry they put apples in a big container of water and then stick their heads into the water to get the apples out. I don't know why they don't

just use their hands.

When dogs get hungry we just stick our heads in the food bowl...and we don't get wet.

Wishing you and your family a Safe & Happy Halloween!



"At least I'm not wearing a princess costume!"

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