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Two Paws Up for Pet-Approved Cities *NAPPS Offers Tips on Finding Pet-Friendly Cities*

MT. LAUREL, NJ – November 28, 2012 –Each city has its own trademark—Illinois is home to a city known for its extreme wind while Pennsylvania hosts a city known for its tasty cheese steaks. New York has a city that never sleeps and Nevada is home to the infamous “sin city.” When searching for the country’s most pet-friendly city, the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS) found Colorado Springs to be top on the list.

Home to over 115,000 pets, the city ranks top with pet supply services, veterinary care and pet-friendly public places. Pet parents living in Colorado Springs can choose from nearly 115 veterinarians and over 54 nearby professional pet sitters—talk about having options!

“For many pet parents, it’s important to not only live in a pet-friendly community, but to also live in an area that caters to both you and your pets’ needs,” said John D’Ariano, president of NAPPS.

So what makes the most pet-friendly cities, like Colorado Springs, stand out?

- Access to businesses that satisfy all your pet’s needs—a one-stop shop for grooming, pet supplies and veterinarian care.
- Affordable pet care. In addition to a high number of pet care facilities, pet-friendly cities offer access to budget-friendly pet care services.
- Room to Roam! Chances are, if the city offers open land and pet-friendly communities, it’ll rank high on Fido’s list.
- Easy to access amenities through the city, such as pet watering fountains.

If your family is looking to relocate, NAPPS offers the following tips to help find a pet-friendly city that will satisfy the needs of both you and your pet pal:

- Evaluate the location. Are there open areas for Fido to play? Are there hiking trails and opportunities to exercise outside with your pet pal?
- Check out local pet services, pet salons and pet supply shops.
- Visit petsitters.org to find a local pet sitter who can help care for your pet pal, when you must be away from home. Your professional pet sitter can introduce Fido to the various trails around the neighborhood and create a customized plan that will help him adjust to the recent move.

What makes your hometown pet-friendly? Join the conversation on Facebook and let us know. Visit NAPPS at www.facebook.com/TheNAPPS.

About NAPPS: NAPPS is the only national non-profit trade association dedicated to serving the needs of professional pet sitters. The Association aims to help the pet owning public, those interested in pet sitting, and professionals engaged in the in-home pet care industry by fulfilling its vision statement, serving as “the most respected authority in professional pet sitting.” It does so by providing the tools and support to foster the success of its members. Additionally, pet parents can benefit from NAPPS’ free resources including a disaster preparedness guide, tips on how to select a pet sitter, and a nationwide referral service,. To find a pet sitter in your area, check out NAPPS’ nationwide “Pet Sitter Locator” at www.petsitters.org. For more information on NAPPS, please follow [@TheNAPPS](https://twitter.com/TheNAPPS) on Twitter or join us on Facebook at facebook.com/TheNAPPS.

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