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Pet Sitters Unite to Promote Safe Hiring Practices

Safety is Key When Choosing Care for Your Pet

In light of recent news stories regarding a pet sitter's neglect, the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS) is reminding the public to fully investigate their prospective pet sitter's adherence to industry standards and safe business practices when selecting a caretaker for their beloved furry friend.

"Hiring a pet sitter is a serious process," states Monica Leighton, President of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS). "When placing your pet in the care of another individual, safety should always be a top priority in the selection process."

To assist pet parents in the process of finding a professional pet sitter, NAPPS offers the following recommendations:

- Develop a set of questions and conduct a thorough interview
- Ask for multiple references
- Request proof of bonding and liability insurance coverage
- Make sure he/she interacts well with your pet

The NAPPS website offers a nationwide referral network as a valuable online resource for locating professional pet sitters across the country. Accessible directly from the NAPPS Web site, www.petsitters.org, this free service provides contact information for all NAPPS member pet sitters and pet sitting companies in the area. With one simple search, pet parents can learn all about the services provided, and even details regarding the sitter's experience and expertise.

About NAPPS: NAPPS is a national non-profit trade association dedicated to promoting the welfare of animals. 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, "To be 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, nationwide referral service, and quarterly teleconferences aimed to educate the pet owning public. 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 on Twitter or become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheNAPPS.

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