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Pets Are Inn® Guidelines and Policies

- Lodging and transportation rates are subject to change without notice.
- A deposit is required during peak season, for new clients and for existing clients with a new pet.
- Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. It is to your advantage to book early.
- Pets (both cats and dogs) must be on a topical flea preventative to be administered prior to lodging. (Required during flea season; check the office when making your reservation.)
- Changes in reservations with less than three (3) business days notice will be assessed a \$10 administrative charge. This includes time restrictions. Changes and/or new reservations with less than 24-hour notice will be assessed a \$25 charge.
- Medication instructions must be in writing and meds are to be clearly identified. Instructions for the easiest method of administering are greatly appreciated.

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Chocolate Can Be Very Dangerous to Pets

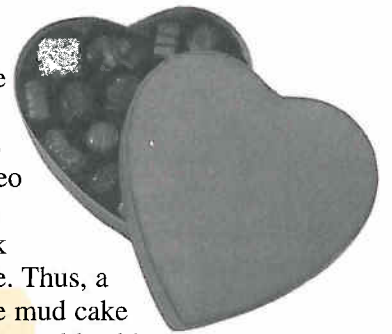
Valentine's Day is right around the corner and we must be diligent about those noses that can smell chocolate in a beautifully wrapped box or sitting on the table. When affected by an overdose of chocolate, a dog can become excited and hyperactive. Due to the diuretic effect, it may pass large volumes of urine and it will be unusually thirsty. Vomiting and diarrhea are also common. The effect of Theo bromine on the heart is the most dangerous effect. Theo bromine will either increase the dog's heart rate or may cause the heart to beat irregularly. Death is quite possible, especially with exercise. After their pet has eaten a large quantity of chocolate, many pet owners assume their pet is unaffected. However, the signs of sickness may not be seen for several hours, with death following within twenty-four hours.

Cocoa powder and cooking chocolate are the most toxic forms. A 20 -pound dog can be seriously affected if it eats a quarter of a 250gm packet of cocoa

powder or half of a 250gm block of cooking chocolate.

These forms of chocolate contain ten times more Theo bromine than milk chocolate. Thus, a chocolate mud cake could be a real health risk for a small dog. Even licking a substantial part of the chocolate icing from a cake can make a dog sick.

Semi-sweet chocolate and dark chocolate are the next most dangerous forms, with milk chocolate being the least dangerous. A dog needs to eat more than a 250gm block of milk chocolate to be affected. Obviously, the smaller the dog, the less it needs to eat. If your dog should eat chocolate, contact your vet quickly. You may need to get the pet to regurgitate the chocolate and be seen by the vet as quickly as possible.



Max's Helpful Hint



I'm happy to follow my owner through the door, but some of my doggie friends think they have higher status with their family and will

barge past their owners trying to be first out the door or into a room. Small contests like this go

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Dog Shows

The grand daddy of dog shows, the Westminster Kennel Club, is held at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The finals will be televised on the USA TV channel on February 11th & 12th. The show will have about 2500 dogs in 169 breeds and varieties with Best In Show being selected on Tuesday evening.

There will be four new breeds in this year's show: Plott (Hound group), Tibetan Mastiff (working group), Swedish Vallhund (herding group) and Beauceron (herding group).

Winter Vacations

Getting away for the sunnier weather or for Spring Break?

Peak Season begins February 14th and will continue thru April 10th. There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit for each pet's reservation during this time-frame. Peak season cancellation policy will be in effect.

Fleas

Spring and fall are the worst times for fleas so PLEASE treat your pet with a topical preventative prior to your reservation. This treatment will ensure that your pet will not pick up these pesky bugs when it is being walked or playing in the yard.

Squirrels, rabbits and birds can be carriers of fleas and cleanliness has nothing to do with your pet being a victim of fleas.

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unnoticed by most 2-legged family members who have more important things to think about, but to an alpha dog this is an indication that they should be in charge. If you have a pet like this, you should work with it so it understands that you are the leader of the pack.

PET RULES



To be posted VERY LOW on the refrigerator door — nose height.

Dear Dogs and Cats,

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by

some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow and try to turn the knob, or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years — canine and feline attendance is not mandatory.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!

To pacify you, my dear pets, I have posted the following message on our front door:

To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like to Complain About Our Pets

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
(That's why they call it "fur"niture.)
3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal; to me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.



