








The Pet Guardian's Checklist

Compare, choose, and care!

HOW TO USE THIS CHECKLIST

This checklist helps you ask the right questions, compare options, and make the best choice for your pet.

1. Choose the relevant questions from the checklist depending on the service you need:

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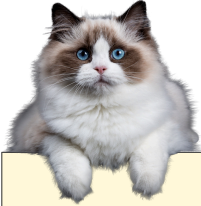


2. Contact potential companies and ask them the questions
3. Record their answers on the checklist, so you can easily compare later.
4. Compare and choose which provider best meets your pet's needs. Trust your instincts and pick the one that makes you feel most confident.


With this checklist, you can make an informed decision and ensure your pet gets the best care possible.

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GENERAL QUESTIONS - PART 1

 <p>Ask these...</p>	<p>Option 1</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>🌐: _____</p> <p>☎: _____</p>	<p>Option 2</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>🌐: _____</p> <p>☎: _____</p>	<p>Option 3</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>🌐: _____</p> <p>☎: _____</p>
<p>Are humane, science-based methods used to handle and interact with pets, such as food, treats and play?</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Are caregivers trained to understand cat or dog body language, and recognize fear and distress behaviours?</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Do they ask for my pet's vaccination and parasite prevention status?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Do they ask about health concerns, such as allergies or injuries?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Do they ask about my pet's typical behaviour, fears and favourite rewards?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Do they have an emergency plan for animal injuries or building evacuations?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Is the facility clean and sanitized?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Does the facility have a comfortable temperature?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Does the facility have comfortable noise levels?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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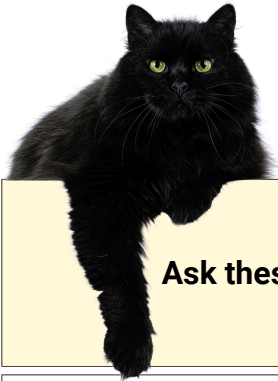
CAT GROOMING

Ask these...	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____
Do you offer "meet-and-greet" appointments or book extra time at the first groom to help cats have a positive first visit?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the entry and exit area layout or scheduling ensure animals don't have to meet each other?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do grooming tables have non-slip surfaces?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If cage dryers are used, are cats continuously supervised to ensure they do not overheat or get burned?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
What is the reward-based procedure used if a cat shows signs of fear or anxiety?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

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CAT BOARDING - PART 1



Ask these...	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Name: _____  : _____  : _____	Name: _____  : _____  : _____	Name: _____  : _____  : _____
How many cats per caregiver? (no more than 10 cats per caregiver is recommended)	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
Are cats housed separately from dogs?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do enclosures have enough space for cats to stand, sit, turn around, lie down flat on their side, and stand on hind legs without touching the top?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
Do enclosures let cats sit, sleep, and eat away from the litter box area?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
Are cats provided with a hiding space?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are cats provided with a perching space?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the daily feeding & care schedule include exercise and social interaction?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are welfare checks done 4 times (minimum) per day to look for signs of ill health or abnormal behaviour?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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DOG BOARDING - PART 1

Ask these...	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____
How many dogs per caregiver? (no more than 10 dogs per caregiver is recommended)	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
Do kennels have enough space for dogs to stand, sit, turn around, lie down flat on their side, and stand on hind legs without touching the top?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
Do kennels let dogs sit, sleep, and eat away from the area they defecate or urinate in?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
If crates are used overnight, do dogs have space to stand, sit, turn around, and lie down flat?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
How many hours will my dog be in the crate?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
Are dogs provided with a sleeping platform or bedding?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the daily feeding & care schedule include exercise and social interaction?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are welfare checks done 4 times (minimum) per day to look for signs of ill health or abnormal behaviour?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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DOG BOARDING - PART 2

Ask these...	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Name: _____  : _____  : _____	Name: _____  : _____  : _____	Name: _____  : _____  : _____
What do you do when dogs show signs of stress, such as fearfulness, excessive barking or excessive chewing?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
How are dogs monitored overnight?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

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DOG DAYCARE

 <p>Ask these...</p>	<p>Option 1</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>🌐: _____</p> <p>☎: _____</p>	<p>Option 2</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>🌐: _____</p> <p>☎: _____</p>	<p>Option 3</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>🌐: _____</p> <p>☎: _____</p>
<p>How many dogs per caregiver? (no more than 10 dogs per caregiver is recommended)</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>How many dogs are inside an enclosure? (a maximum group size of 20 is recommended)</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>How are dogs grouped? (grouping by size, age, and play style is recommended)</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Do enclosures have places for dogs to hide and rest away from the play?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>If crates are used for rest time, do you assess dogs for crate compatibility first?</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>







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DOG GROOMING

Ask these...	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Name: _____  : _____  : _____	Name: _____  : _____  : _____	Name: _____  : _____  : _____
Do you offer "meet-and-greet" appointments or book extra time at the first groom to help dogs have a positive first visit?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the entry and exit area layout or scheduling ensure animals don't have to meet each other?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do grooming tables have non-slip surfaces?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If cage dryers are used, are dogs continuously supervised to ensure they do not overheat or get burned?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
What is the reward-based procedure used if a dog shows signs of fear or anxiety?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

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DOG WALKING - PART 1

Ask these...	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____
What type of collar or harness is used? (electronic "shock", prong, or choke collars should never be used)	_____	_____	_____
How many dogs per walker? (no more than 6 dogs per walker is recommended)	_____	_____	_____
Will my dog go off-leash?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If my dog go off-leash, will GPS collars be used?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
How are dogs matched for groups? (grouping by size, age, and energy level is recommended)	_____	_____	_____
What is the plan if a dog escapes or is lost?	_____	_____	_____
How do walkers manage leash pulling and excessive barking?	_____	_____	_____
If transported, how are dogs are secured inside the vehicle?	_____	_____	_____

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DOG WALKING - PART 2

Ask these...	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____	Name: _____ 🌐: _____ ☎: _____
How many dogs will be in the vehicle at a time?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
How is the interior temperature monitored?	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

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