

New York City Going to the Dogs and CatLiterally

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Petaholics Pet Sitting, a unique business serving Manhattan provides traveling pet owners with peace of mind and their pets with professional, personalized, in-home care. With the holidays approaching many people are beginning to think about what to do with their pets while they are away.

Jordan Kaplan started the business in 2001 after experiencing difficulties finding a solution to the care of his own recently deceased pet Mandy while away from home and because of his love for animals.

"Kennels are an option for some pet owners, but it can be very stressful to take a pet out of its natural environment," Kaplan said. "I thought others might also want this type of care for their pets."

With a pet sitting service, there is less stress on pets, pets aren't exposed to other animals with sickness or diseases, there is no need to transport pets, and no imposition upon friends and family. Most of all, pets enjoy the same familiar surroundings even though their owner is away and receive loving, individualized attention and care."

In addition to basic services like providing food, water, medication, playtime, and cleaning litter boxes and cages, Kaplan's pet sitting service, which takes care of most kinds of pets, will also walk dogs, send daily email updates and photos of their pets to pet owners on their pets' dispositions and activities, and provide in-home care during convalescence. Pet owners may book services by phone or email.

"Home security is also provided," Kaplan stressed. "Your home looks lived in because your pet sitter will bring in mail and newspapers, turn lights on and off, open and close window coverings, and place trash outside for pickup."

Petaholics Pet Sitting can be reached at 212-560-6593 and on the Internet at <http://www.petaholics.com>, or by email at e-mail protected from spam bots