



Choosing a Pet Care Provider

- ✔ Compare your top three professional animal care providers using our selection checklist
- ✔ Review the tips on what to look for in each assessment area as you interview and visit your professional care options
- ✔ Enter a number for how well each provider met your expectations in the ten assessment areas listed



3 – Exceeded my Expectations



2 – Met my Expectations



1 – Below my Expectations

Assessment Area	Provider 1:	Provider 2:	Provider 3:
1. Physical safety of animals			
2. Animal wellness			
3. Emergency preparedness			
4. Animal assessments			
5. Knowledgeable professional			
6. Observes and reports on behavior and well-being			
7. Priority on emotional well-being of animals			
8. Friendly, compassionate care givers			
9. Keeps client contact and preference information updated			
10. PACCC Certified and Pet CPR & First Aid Trained			
Total Score: Best score is 30 points			

What to Look for in a Pet Care Provider



Physical Safety



- Organized environment free of hazards
 - Secure fencing
 - Climate control
 - Clean with minimal odors
- Maintains leash control on walks
 - Proper staffing

Emergency Preparedness



- Systems in place to handle illness, injury, or escape in addition to natural disasters and utility outages
 - 24-hour staffing and/or monitoring systems

Knowledgeable Professional



- Trained in animal behavior, including body language and stress signals
- Staff can read early warning signs of discomfort or illness

Prioritizes Emotional Well-Being



- Avoids punishment and only uses tools that reward good behavior
- Offers a variety of activities to appeal to differing levels and ages

Keeps Client Contact Information Updated



- Requests multiple methods of contact for you
- Requests emergency contact information

Animal Wellness



- Vaccination records obtained for all animals
- Communicates openly when common communicable diseases are observed in your community

Animal Assessments



- Profiles behavior and preferences prior to accepting for care
- Recognizes each pet as an individual by not using a one-size-fits-all approach
- Good match for care is priority

Closely Monitors Health



- Monitors each animal's feeding and elimination patterns
- Knows when to escalate abnormal behavior to veterinarian care
- Openly communicates behavior and health observations with clients

Compassionate Care Givers



- Spends time understanding your animal's needs
- Proactive communication
- Looks forward to working with you and your animal

PACCC Certified



- Legal business with memberships in professional organizations
- Staff is Pet CPR and First Aid trained
 - Insured and/or bonded
 - Active in the local community