



Choosing a Pet Care Provider

- ✔ Compare your top three professional animal care providers using our 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, hazard-free environment
- Secure fencing
- Climate control
- Clean with minimal odors
- Controlled, on leash handling
- Proper staffing

Emergency Preparedness



- Procedures for handling illness, injury, escape, natural disasters, and utility outages
- 24-hour staffing and/or monitoring systems

Knowledgeable Professionals



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

Prioritizes Emotional Well-Being



- Only uses tools that reward good behavior
- Offers a variety of activities for differing levels and ages

Keeps Client Contact Information Updated



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

Animal Wellness



- Obtains current vaccination records for all pets
- Communicates openly when communicable diseases are in your community

Animal Assessments



- Documents behavior and preferences prior to intake
- Recognizes each pet as an individual by not using a one-size-fits-all approach

Closely Monitors Health



- Monitors each pet's feeding and elimination patterns
- Knows when to seek veterinarian care for abnormal behavior
- Openly communicates behavior and observations with clients

Compassionate Caregivers



- Spends time understanding your pet's needs
- Looks forward to working with you and your pet
- Active in the local community

PACCC Certification & Credentials



- Legal business Bonded and/or insured
- Memberships in professional organizations
- Pet CPR and First Aid trained staff