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### **Professional Pet Sitters: The Pet Parent's Stunt Double**

*Hiring a Professional Pet Sitter is the Pet Parent's Easy Solution to Being in Two Places at Once*

Mount Laurel, N.J., May 25, 2012 – Perfecting the ability to juggle work, home and everything in between can become an exhausting task. As a result, it's not uncommon to encounter challenges when attempting to create a balance between responsibilities of your professional and personal life. When birthday party, soccer schedules, school plays and pets are added into the equation, overwhelming feelings of anxiety are sure to follow.

Even the most organized individual will likely struggle with the daily demands of multitasking. Luckily, there's a solution for the average person who cannot physically be in two places at once. The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS), a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the welfare of animals, is offering pet parents a helping hand when it comes to juggling responsibilities.

Professional pet sitters are available to offer assistance for pet parents who are always on the go. Hiring a professional pet sitter to care for your furry friend will allow you the opportunity to focus on other items and obligations on your agenda. Professional pet sitters are able to create a customized care plan, in order to satisfy the needs of both the pet and the pet parent.

"A professional pet sitter's focus is to ensure quality care is given to furry family members when their human parents must be away from home," said John D'Ariano, president of NAPPS.

"Hiring a professional pet sitter to tend to the needs of your fur babies will allow you time to attend the people-only school plays and events involving your human children."

To help pet parents wishing to hire a professional pet sitter for the first time, NAPPS offers these tips:

- Create a list of services you'll need for your pet. Include everything from dog walks to administering medication, if applicable
- Interview your potential pet sitter via telephone and in person.
- Request proof of bonding and liability insurance coverage of any potential pet sitter for hire
- Ask for multiple references and contact each of them personally.
- Consider hiring a Certified Professional Pet Sitter, which indicates he/she has obtained a high level of industry expertise.

To help pet parents in their quest of finding a pet sitter who will satisfy the needs of their furry friend, The NAPPS website offers a nationwide referral network for locating professional pet sitters across the country. Accessible directly from the NAPPS website, [www.petsitters.org](http://www.petsitters.org), this free service provides contact information for all NAPPS member pet sitters and pet sitting companies in your area.

**About NAPPS:** NAPPS is the only national nonprofit trade association dedicated to serving the needs of professional pet sitters. The Association aims to help the pet owning public, those interested in pet sitting, and professionals engaged in the in-home pet care industry by fulfilling

its vision statement, serving as "the most respected authority in professional pet sitting." It does so by providing the tools and support to foster the success of its members. Additionally, pet parents can benefit from NAPPS' free resources including a disaster preparedness guide, tips on how to select a pet sitter, and a nationwide referral service,. To find a pet sitter in your area, check out NAPPS' nationwide "Pet Sitter Locator" at [www.petsitters.org](http://www.petsitters.org). For more information on NAPPS, please follow [@TheNAPPS](https://twitter.com/TheNAPPS) on Twitter or join us on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheNAPPS](https://facebook.com/TheNAPPS).

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