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### **Making Plans for Spring Break? Don't Forget About Your Pet!**

*NAPPS encourages pet parents to utilize online "Pet Sitter Locator" tool to find qualified pet sitters*

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. March 22, 2011— As spring break quickly approaches, families will prepare to shake off the winter blues with visits to relatives, friends, and even tropical locations. To help family pets avoid the trauma of travel, the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS) is reminding pet parents to utilize its online "Pet Sitter Locator" tool to connect with a professional pet sitter. This tool helps pet owners network with licensed, bonded and insured professional pet sitters in their local area.

The NAPPS website, [www.petsitters.org](http://www.petsitters.org), offers a nationwide referral network as a valuable online resource for locating professional pet sitters across the country. This free service provides contact information for all NAPPS members and pet sitting companies in the area. By searching a zip code, pet parents can learn about services provided, as well as details regarding sitters' experience and expertise.

Pets feel more comfortable when in their familiar home. Hiring a pet sitter is a great way to give both you and your furry companion peace of mind while relaxing during this pre-summer break. When looking for a pet sitter, it is vital that the pet parent and pet trust this individual. To assist pet parents in the process of finding a professional pet sitter, NAPPS offers the following recommendations:

- Develop a set of questions, and conduct a thorough interview.
- Ask for multiple references.
- Request proof of bonding and liability insurance coverage.
- Make sure he/she interacts well with your pet.

"Traveling is always an exciting part of the spring season, but pet parents need to remember their furry companions," stated John D' Ariano, President of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters. "Letting a professional pet sitter take care of your pet can severely reduce the trauma associated traveling or staying in a kennel." With the help of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters' "Pet Sitter Locator" tool, planning and enjoying these trips can be easy and stress-free for you and your furry friend.

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**About NAPPS**

NAPPS is a national non-profit trade association dedicated to promoting the welfare of animals. 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, nationwide referral service, and quarterly teleconferences aimed to educate the pet owning public. 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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