

# Example Article

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## **Call the Pet Sitter! Safe, Reliable Care for Large Breed Dogs**

You've been dreading this day. You must leave town for a business trip or vacation, and you need to find someone to look after your dog. A pet sitter is your only option because your 100-pound German Shepherd, Rottweiler, or Great Dane is not welcome at any of the local kennels.

Your enormous bundle of unconditional love has never bitten or hurt anyone, but it does not matter. Tank or Hildie is far over the weight and size limits of every kennel in town. Even the groomers who bathed your pet as an adorable puppy have asked you never to bring Bruiser back. What will you do?

### **Call a Sitter**

A pet sitter offers undeniable benefits. The first is flexibility. Most will come to your house every day to feed, water, and play with Butch. They can send selfies with your dog so you know your pet is in good hands. Others will bring your canine pal to their own home for a sleep-over while you are out of town. Still other sitters will stay in your house so that your pet can enjoy all the comforts of home while pack leader is away.

For large breeds, sitters offer even more benefits. Your Saint Bernard may be a sweetheart who loves to climb (at least partly) onto your lap. However, large breeds can be hard to handle in the noisy confines of a kennel. You can find sitters who watch only one or two dogs at a time, ensuring more space and attention for your needy Mastiff.

### **Hire Only the Best**

If you decide to hire a sitter for your large dog, make sure to hire the best. A great place to search is the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS). This non-profit offers a certification program that verifies sitters' knowledge of pet first aid, behavior, and safety. Also make sure a potential sitter is insured and bonded and can provide professional references.

Finally, have your dog and pet sitter meet well in advance of your trip. This meeting can ensure that Big Bertha and the sitter will start off on the right paw and enjoy one another's company. You won't have to worry, and your bouncy Boxer will be in safe hands. What could be better?