

Boarding doesn't need to be boring!

One of the most common questions I get asked is “Where’s a good place to board my dog?” This question is just the first step in finding a great place to take care of your furry family members. Word of mouth referrals are the best way to find out about kennels so ask your friends, family, neighbors and your veterinary team about their experiences with finding pet care while they are away. Once you’ve gotten the names of a few businesses start asking some questions!

First, call and see if there is room on the dates you need. Many facilities book up months in advance so plan ahead. You’ll also want to ask if they accommodate your animal. Some places only cater to cats whereas some only have space for dogs. If they can accommodate your pet schedule a tour! Going to the facility is the best way to determine if you feel comfortable to leave your pet in their care. Here are some things to look for and some questions to ask: Are the enclosures sturdy enough to keep your pet secure? How often are things cleaned? Where will your pet sleep? How will they be exercised and how often? What happens if there is an emergency?

You’ll also need to ask questions about the policies and procedures of the facility. Really make sure that you understand everything. Some policies can be confusing. Some things to ask about are: Which vaccines are required? Do you need to bring your own food? Will they administer medications? What are the check in and pick up times?

Remember, boarding doesn’t need to be scary or daunting. Think of it as a vacation for your pet! So go ahead, call us here at SVAH and ask us about where we board our animals.

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