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Spring Newsletter

My Pet Friends

Doggie Field Trips—A Pilot Program

The sun is finally coming out again and the snow is almost gone. You may have noticed your four legged children are feeling a bit bored. How about a new service to help entertain them?

I would like to offer doggie field trips. These field trips would be groups of 3 or 4 dogs per trip. I would pick them up from your house, take them as a group to a securely fenced park or to the dog park then return them home when they are done. I expect field trips will last 2 to 3 hours, including travel time.

The maximum number of dogs I can take per trip to the dog park

is 3. If I take your dog to the dog park they must have a current license and be up to date on all of their shots. They must have their license and rabies tags on their collar. These are rules established by John Rudy Canine Meadows.

If I take the dogs to a different fenced in park my limit is 4 dogs per trip as this is all I can safely secure in my car. I will not require proof of licensure but will need proof of current vaccinations.

This is a new service that I would like to “try out” therefore I am calling it a pilot program. The service may change as I see

how the dogs respond to it. For now, I am only offering this service to existing clients as I already know the temperaments of most of the dogs I care for. During this “try out” period I would like to set Wednesday as field trip day, weather permitting of course. Since it is now mud season I will make every effort to return the dogs mud free. If all goes well I hope to expand this service to Monday through Friday.

Let me know if you are interested in trying out this service. I think our very bored friends would have a great time.

Doggie Field Trips \$20 per dog

Communicating

You already know while you are away I leave a note for you. Did you know that I could also send you an e-mail or text message if you prefer? You may also send me an e-mail or text

message. I try my best to return all messages as soon as possible.

Any form of communication can be sent to me at:

My Pet Friends

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My Pet Friends Has Added More Pet Sitters

Meet my friends Diane McDonnell and Karen Holt. Both have expressed an interest in helping me pet sit so I thought instead of turning away business I'd add them to it and start taking new business again.

Both Diane and Karen are residents of Glen Rock. Our children all go to Friendship Elementary School together (Diane also has a child at Southern Middle School). All three of us are regular volunteers at Friendship Elementary as well. We are not all the same though.

Diane is currently working on her degree in Accounting at the University of Phoenix. She has lots of experience working with and owning animals. Currently she has a dog, a rabbit, a hamster, four cats and goldfish.

Karen is always volunteering. In addition to her volunteer work at Friendship Elementary, she is my daughter's Girl Scout troop leader. Karen also volunteers for Pennsylvania's Court Appointed Special Advocates and Animal Rescue, Inc. Karen is the proud owner of two Boston Terriers, Kayleigh and Taylor. Karen has owned pets for 36 years.

Don't worry, I understand it is not good practice to send just anyone into your home. Regular mid-day walks will stay just as they are. If there is an emergency or non-emergency need to enlist the help of Diane or Karen I will request permission prior to sending them over. Having additional pet sitters will give vacationers more of a choice. If I am not available for some reason there are other options besides sending you somewhere else for your pet sitting needs.

Your pets and home are my top priorities. We are all insured and "better than bonded" under my insurance policy. Being insured does not cover happiness though. If for any reason you are unhappy with someone (including myself) that I send to pet sit please let me know. I would love the opportunity to fix the problem and if the problem cannot be fixed I will be more than happy to help you find another pet sitter.



Current Rates and Services

- **Regular 20 Minute Visit: \$13.00** (good for up to two pets).
- **Regular 30 Minute Visit: \$16.00** (good for 3 or more pets).
- **Overnight Stay: \$50.00** (good for a 12 hour period of time with your pets).
- **Pet Taxi: \$25 per hour**
- **Doggie Field Trips: \$20.00 per dog** (trips last approximately 2-3 hours).

If you need additional time for your pet's care we charge \$6.00 for each additional 30 minutes.

Please understand that these fees are not negotiable. I believe I am already the least expensive pet sitter in the area.