



Dog Treats

Charlee Bear

Dog treats with a healthy purpose

CHOOSING A KENNEL

So you've just booked a fabulous vacation, and then you realize... who is going to take care of your beloved canine companion while you're away? Don't despair. Here are some helpful suggestions from Charlee Bear for finding a terrific boarding kennel for your pooch while you are away.

1. Ask around for recommendations. Your veterinarian and your dog-loving friends are excellent resources for finding a reputable kennel. The boarding kennel with the cheapest rates, or the one that is closest to your home may not be the best one around... research, ask questions and investigate!

2. Visit (in-person) several kennels. Use all of your "senses" to evaluate them. Do they look clean? How does the kennel smell? (Clean, or does the smell of bleach or other harsh chemicals make your eyes water?) Are the staff members friendly to both you and the dogs they are caring for? Is the kennel extraordinarily noisy? (Some barking is to be expected upon seeing you.) Overall, how comfortable do you feel when you imagine leaving your companion here?

3. Ask a lot of questions. Does the kennel have a person on-site at all times? Do they have a vet on call? How much safe exercise do the boarding dogs receive? Can you bring your own dog food and treats for your pet? Will your dog receive a bath before they depart? What vaccinations are necessary for boarding? Do they have a run with an outdoor section or simulated outdoor section? Are they out of their run for play time? Are they walked? Are they given supervised play with other dogs? How do they choose the dogs your dog will play with?

4. Book early. Many of the **best** boarding kennels fill fast, especially for holidays and summer time. Call early, sometimes as early as six months in advance, to get a reservation at the very best kennel for your precious pooch.

Helpful hint:

To make the transition from home to kennel a little easier on your pet, take their own food along, a favorite blanket or toy and an article of your clothing. And of course, a bag of Charlee Bear treats. Each bag contains LOTS of treats so your pooch can share his treats with his new friends!