



Your Happy Dog Coach: Comprehensive Caregiver Guide

This comprehensive template is designed to ensure a seamless, force-free, and safe experience for your dog while you are away. Fill this out thoroughly to give your pet sitter or emergency caregiver all the insights they need to support your dog's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

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1. Pet Profile & Basic Information (Oldest →)

Field	Details
Pet's Name	
Date of Birth	
Breed	
Sex & Intact/or Not	
Weight & Distinguishing Markings	
Microchip Vendor & Registration Number	

Pet Profile & Basic Information (next oldest)

Field	Details
Pet's Name	
Date of Birth	
Breed	
Sex & Intact/or Not	
Weight & Distinguishing Markings	
Microchip Vendor & Registration Number	

Pet Profile & Basic Information (#)

Field	Details
Pet's Name	
Date of Birth	
Breed	
Sex & Intact/or Not	
Weight & Distinguishing Markings	
Microchip Vendor & Registration Number	

Pet Profile & Basic Information (#)

Field	Details
Pet's Name	
Date of Birth	
Breed	
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(Print as many of this page as needed)

Photos of each of your pets with names and dates taken:

2. Guardian & Contact Log

Primary Guardian Information	Trusted Backup Contact	Where We Will Be
Name: Phone: Email:	Name Relationship: Phone: Email:	Destination: Dates Away: Best Contact Method: Timezone:

3. Home Logistics & Access

- **Physical Address:** [Insert Home Address]
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- **Home Entry/Access Instructions:** [Key location, door code, lockbox combinations, or alarm codes]
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- **Wi-Fi Network Name & Password:** Network: [Network Name] | Password: [Password]
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- **Waste & Trash Logistics:** [Trash pickup day, where bags go, where poop bags are disposed of]
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4. Walks & Activity Management

Category	Specific Routines & Preferences
Walk Schedule: [Times of day, typical length of walk, or preferred pacing]	
Preferred Walking Gear: [Specify approved force-free gear, e.g., Y-shaped harness, flat collar, 6ft leash.]	
Known Environmental Triggers: [List triggers: e.g., reactive to passing dogs on-leash, delivery trucks, loud noises, sudden movements]	
Management & De-escalation Strategy: [What to do if a trigger appears: e.g., perform a U-turn, scatter high-value treats on the ground, create physical distance]	
Common Cues,	

Category	Specific Routines & Preferences
<p>Predictable Patterns & Cooperative Language: [List verbal cues or hand signs used, e.g., "Let's Go", "Touch", "Find it"]</p>	

5. Diet & Enrichment

Meal/Enrichment Window	Portion, Presentation & Location Details
Morning Meal: [Time] — [Amount, food type, any warm water/toppers added]	
Midday / Afternoon: [Time] — [Snack, chew, or potty break details]	
Evening Meal: [Time] — [Amount, food type, location details]	
Sensory Enrichment & Decompression: [Provide details on mental engagement: e.g., snuffle mats, stuffed KONGs, lick mats, sensory exploration activities, or sniffaris]	
High-Value Treats: [Approved treats for walk management, positive reinforcement, or high-stress situations]	

6. Personality Profile: Likes, Dislikes & Behavior Needs

Things My Dog Thrives On (Likes & Comforts)[Things That Stress My Dog (Dislikes & Fears)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• e.g., Belly rubs, specific toy styles, soft music]• [Preferred sleeping arrangements: e.g., on the bed, in a specific crate, on a nesting bed]• [Calming protocols: e.g., continuous gentle strokes, interactive licking puzzles]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• [e.g., Thunderstorms, fireworks, direct eye contact from strangers]• [Handling sensitivities: e.g., tail being touched, paws being wiped, collar grabs]• [Subtle stress signals to watch for: e.g., lip licking, yawning, whale eye, low tail set]

7. Medical History & Current Medications

Medication / Supplement	Dosage [e.g., 1 tablet, 5mg] [e.g., 1 scoop]	Frequency / Timing [e.g., Twice daily with food] [e.g., Once daily at breakfast]	Administration Strategy [e.g., Hidden in pill pocket or cream cheese] [e.g., Mixed thoroughly into wet food]
[Medication Name]			
[Medication/Supplement Name]			

Known Diagnoses / Allergies / Special Medical Needs:

[List any underlying medical conditions, physical limitations, or explicit food/environmental allergies here.]

8. Veterinary Details & Emergency Planning

Primary Veterinary Clinic	24/7 Nearest Emergency Veterinary Hospital
<p>Clinic Name:</p> <p>Primary Veterinarian:</p> <p>Phone Number:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Operating Hours:</p>	<p>Hospital Name:</p> <p>Phone Number:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Distance / Transit Time:</p>

9. Emergency Medical Authorization

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN / ATTENDING VETERINARIAN:

In the event that my dog, _____ [Dog's Name], requires urgent veterinary assessment or treatment while under the care of my designated pet sitter, _____ [Sitter's Name], and I cannot be reached immediately after reasonable efforts, I hereby grant permission to the pet sitter named above to transport my pet for medical care.

I authorize the attending veterinary medical professionals to perform necessary stabilization, diagnostic testing, and emergency life-saving procedures. My dog's physical well-being, comfort, and safety are paramount.

Maximum Pre-Authorized Financial Limit for Emergency Treatment:

\$ _____ [Insert Amount]

(Leave blank or write "No Limit" if the clinic is authorized to perform any life-saving procedures necessary until you are reached.)

_____	_____
Guardian Signature	Date
_____	_____
Caregiver Signature	Date

I suggest printing and re-signing this page for each individual caregiving event.

10. "Where to Find It" Item Checklist

Essential Item	Specific Location In Home
Leash, Collar & Walking Gear: [e.g., Hanging on the hooks by the front door]	
Main Food & Extra Treats: [e.g., Pantry lower shelf in the airtight bin]	
Medications & Supplements: [e.g., Kitchen counter basket next to the microwave]	
Pet First Aid Kit: [e.g., Hallway linen closet, middle shelf]	
Crate, Travel Carrier, or Extra Bedding: [e.g., Setup in the living room corner]	
Grooming / Towels for Muddy Paws: [e.g., Basket directly inside the back mudroom door]	

*Thank you for helping keep our beloved dogs safe,
physically fulfilled, and emotionally secure!*

— Your Happy Dog Coach