

# A doggy great time on pet holidays

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**H**ow often do we put off going on holidays because we can't leave Fido home alone. Of course there are boarding kennels or kind-hearted neighbours but Fido will still get lonely and possibly fret. So why not let Fido have a holiday too?

All you need do is contact the Don't Fret Pet "resort" and you can be assured Fido will be safe and comfortable and waited on paw and paw.

Don't Fret Pet is a specialised dog boarding service made up of caring, animal loving minders who will open up their homes and look after your best friend while you're relaxing on holidays. After an initial introduction, all Fido has to do is pack his bag and bowl, bedding and leash, a ball and a bone and maybe a change of collar.

On arrival he will be greeted by a happy, friendly reception committee and get re-acquainted with his holiday host. Fido's bag will be unpacked for him and he'll be shown to his luxurious quarters. There'll be complete room service where all his needs will be catered for. He will get lots of pats and attention, there'll be leisurely strolls and ball games and even rides in a chauffeur-driven car. Even if Fido has a love for the indoors you can rest assured that he'll be placed with a family who perfectly understands this need. Fido will probably end up having a better holiday than you.

Don't Fret Pet has a strict criteria for dogs, owners and minders where everyone is carefully screened to ensure the safety, security,



**Holiday snap of Fido with his minders**

comfort and compatibility of all involved. There is also a mandatory initial introduction beforehand in the minder's home. In most cases, dogs and their minders instantly bond, which means that Fido will have a regular holiday resort, usually as close as possible to your home.

Fees are from as little as \$26 a night and a deposit is required at the time of the booking.

And if you think you would like to be part of Don't Fret Pet, become a minder and be rewarded by a wagging tail and a daily allowance, all you need do is contact the company. You don't even need to have a dog of your own – you just need to be an animal lover. You can even choose the type, size and breed of dog you prefer and specify when you would like to mind them.

For more information, call 1300 307 021 or visit [www.dontfretpet.com.au](http://www.dontfretpet.com.au).

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