

# Schmidt will watch your home and your pets

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**Just like people, some pets enjoy the excitement of travel to other destinations, while some do not. If your pet is a homebody, but you love to travel, Beatrice Home and Pet Watch may be the perfect solution.**

Beatrice Schmidt's motto is 'When you go away, I stay'. Through personal experience Schmidt realized that not all pets respond well to being kennelled in large boarding facilities. Some dogs and cats suffer undesirable problems such as kennel cough, weight loss and separation anxiety. Schmidt provides in-home daily visits as well as overnight care, by the day, week or longer. You can completely relax and enjoy your vacation, knowing your pets and home are being cared for by a mature, trusted, reliable and caring animal lover.

During her initial home visit to discuss your needs, and those of your pet, Schmidt fills in a questionnaire to know your pet's routine, special needs, medications and even how they like to play. Depending on the length of her stay, she also attends to normal household needs such as putting out the trash, picking up the mail, watering plants and keeping your house looking lived-in to passers-by. "I love pets and people, and I do my best to be very flexible," she says. "I adjust my services to each individual situation. No two clients or pets are the same, or have exactly the same needs. That is a big part of what I enjoy. It's a personal service and I am able to accommodate special programs. From mini-poodles to great danes, young or old, some pets are very easy going, while others may have health or behavioural problems. I accommodate to meet those needs."

"Saving my clients money is a good feeling, too," Schmidt continues. "The drop-off and pick-up times established by kennels often results in two extra days of boarding charges. There are often extra shots required, by law, at kennels.

"My staying in clients' private homes also eliminates the need to hire someone to check the house for insurance purposes. But most importantly, the pets are able to remain in their own space, keeping to their routine, happy, content and safe.

"Fees for pet and home visits are established during the first consultation," Schmidt says. "Because I do day visits or overnights, and include trips to the vets, grooming, walks, and special needs I set my fees to suit the circumstances." Schmidt concentrates her services primarily, but not exclusively, in Northumberland and Prince Edward County. If 'Home Away From Home' isn't a popular slogan to your pet, contact Schmidt for a complimentary in-home consult and then plan your trip with the peace of mind knowing your pets and property will be cared for almost as if you were there yourself.

You can also visit her website at <http://beatricehomeandpetwatch.yolasite.com>, e-mail [sashamylove@aol.com](mailto:sashamylove@aol.com) or call Schmidt to set up an appointment at 905-349-3906.