

Pet Sitters Week Ends Saturday

The week-long event to recognize the contributions of professional pet sitters was held March 2 through 8.

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With pet ownership in the United States continually on the rise, the demand for professional pet sitters has driven the business to become one of the top 10 growing professions in the past decade, according to the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS). To recognize the good work pet sitters do for their clients, NAPPS encouraged pet owners to express their appreciation during National Professional Pet Sitters Week, March 2 through 8, 2008.

More than 63 percent of all American households have pets, according to NAPPS, with the U.S. pet population including 73 million dogs, 90 million cats, and 16 million birds. National Professional Pet Sitters Week is the perfect time for the owners of those pets to thank the individuals that care for these pets when they must be away from home. Flowers, cards, and candy are among the items pet owners can give their pet sitters for the loving care they provide, NAPPS said.

When choosing a pet sitter, NAPPS recommends looking for a provider who has insurance, references, and literature that fully describes the sitter's services and fees. The NAPPS website offers a nationwide referral service for locating pet sitters across the country.