

Pet sitters come to the aid of anxious owners

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Vacation time for pet owners in Japan has generally been a time for, at best, worry, at worst, panic.

Deciding what to do with puss or pooch, not to mention the fish, parakeet or house plants often ended in a cancellation of vacation plans. If one couldn't find a friend to tend the animals, the only other option was to have the animal caged at the vet's, a pet shop or one of a handful of kennel facilities, a situation likely to take its toll on the pet's health.

In the Tokyo area, at least, salvation is at hand. The advent of professional "pet sitters," people who will come to your home to feed, exercise, clean up after, and spend time with your animals, has done away with most of the problems for owners and pets alike.

