

Pet Sitter, Kennel Assistant, and Veterinarian Assistant Questionnaire

Pet Sitter

1. Suppose you arrived to a schedule pet sitting assignment at a client's house. You noticed a car in the driveway that you do not recognize. Would you:
 - a. Enter the house as scheduled.
 - b. Leave the property and assume someone is home caring for the pet.
 - c. Call the owner from a cell or pay phone and inquire about the vehicle and confirm that pet care is still needed.

2. You are walking a client's dog in the neighborhood. You have taken the route instructed by the client. In the distance you notice another dog coming toward you that has previously shown aggression towards your client's dog. You decide to:
 - a. Stick to the route as instructed by your client since it is the plan you have agreed upon.
 - b. Turn around to head home to avoid any conflict with the other dog.
 - c. Stand very still and hope that the other dog passes without incident.

True/False

1. It is safer to allow a client's dog to play outside without a leash if the owner is in agreement.
2. Animals can be sensitive to dietary changes.
3. Road salt used to melt ice is a very safe chemical for domestic animals.

Kennel Assistant

1. A cat owner is dropping off her cat at the kennel where you work. The owner realizes that she has forgotten the cat's insulin that it needs to control diabetes. The owner insists that the cat will be fine without the medication for the next few days. You decide:
 - a. That the owner knows what is best for her cat and admit the cat to the kennel.
 - b. Admit the cat to the kennel but tell the client she must bring the medication back to the facility before she leaves for her vacation.
 - c. Seek the advice of the supervisor on duty to help explain to the owner that it is important she bring the insulin before the cat can be admitted to the kennel.

2. Consistency is important in a pet diet. You have just realized that one of the dogs boarding in the kennel has mistakenly been served the wrong food. You decide:
 - a. To immediately remove the food dish and offer the correct food.
 - b. Immediately remove the food and notify the supervisor.
 - c. One different meal will not harm the pet and allow him to finish the meal.

True/False

1. Pets tend to exhibit signs of mild stress when away from their home environment.
2. Dogs and Cats should be kept in a separate boarding kennels to minimize discomfort.
3. Dogs only need to be let out once in the morning and once at night.

Vet Assistant

1. The veterinarian has asked you to retrieve a dog in a kennel. The dog is showing signs of aggression towards you. You decide:
 - a. Ignore the signs and try to get the dog out of the crate.
 - b. Open the cage door and allow the dog to walk out on its own.
 - c. Leave the dog in the crate and ask for assistance.
2. A client comes rushing in the door with a dog that is unconscious. You decide to:
 - a. Try to get detailed information from the client and help the pet.
 - b. Tell the client to have a seat in the waiting room and ask for assistance.
 - c. Escort the client to a treatment room and get a doctor right away.

True/False

1. Dogs have very specific body language that lets humans know what kind of "mood" they are experiencing.
2. Cats are less "dangerous" than dogs and cannot cause much injury to humans.
3. A "growling" dog should not cause concern if the client assures you that the dog will not bite.