



What to expect when your pet returns home after boarding:

Your pet will undoubtedly be happy to see you after your trip! Following a few simple steps will help ease their transition back to home life.

- **Take Me for a Walk.** You want to bring your dog right in the door, but if you want to avoid any accidents in the house, it's best to walk your dog (or even just around your yard) before you head indoors. The excitement of seeing you again can bring on an overactive bladder and bowels in even the most perfectly house trained pooch. Give them a few days to return to their normal routine.
- **Hold Off on Food.** Even if it's your pet's normal dinner time, it's best to wait at least three hours after arriving back home before offering your dog food. All of that tail wagging and jumping for joy can also make Fido's stomach do flip-flops. That kind of excitement tends to make dogs eat more quickly, which all becomes a recipe for vomiting or digestive upsets and bloating. Wait until your pup has calmed down before offering food. If your dog is especially agitated or is normally a fast eater, you might even split the normal amount of food you'd give for one meal into two smaller meals.
- **Limit H2O Intake.** Lots of happy panting plus the car ride home means that your pooch has built up a powerful thirst. Water is available the entire stay at all times but often dogs leaving boarding will want to drink as soon as they get home. Just as with food though, slurping down an entire bowl of water quickly can lead to vomiting, digestive upsets and bloating. Rather than letting your dog drink all he wants in one go, limit the amount of water you put in his bowl at first. Another option that's especially good for smaller dogs (and for playful puppies who can turn anything into a game) is offering ice cubes for your pet to lick.
- **Let Your Dog Sleep It Off.** If your dog seems a little more tired than usual the first few days after boarding, don't worry too much about it. The thrill of seeing you again and the extra flurry of activity surrounding homecoming may mean your dog needs more shut-eye than usual. It could take a few days for all those zzz's to get them settled into an everyday routine.

*This is a general guideline to follow and all pets are different, often frequent hotel guests settle into a routine quite nicely, less frequent hotel guests can need more reassurance. Please call for any questions or concerns. We monitor all guests 24/7 and want their vacation to be everything they dreamed of.

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