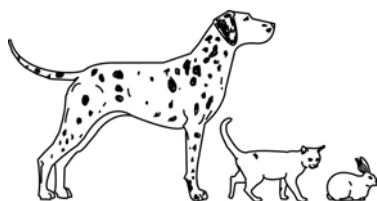


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GOING ON HOLIDAY

- Prepare your young dog for your long vacation by introducing it to the kennels for short stays (1-2 hours), building up to overnight stays.
- Avoid dramatic good-byes so there is less contrast when your presence is withdrawn.
- Enquire whether the kennels allow you to bring the dog's toys or bedding.
- Ask if the kennels have a range of accommodation to suit differing needs, eg shy dogs kept away from dogs that bark.
- Is there a range of diets available which will help prevent digestive upset?
- Visit the kennels and talk to staff.
- Give staff the necessary details so they can relate to your dog's individual nature.
- To help settle your dog into the kennel you can give in your scent on a cloth. Put the cloth or towel in your laundry basket with your dirty clothes for a couple of days so the whole family's scent is transferred. Take out and put into a plastic bag and secure.