



TRIANGLE AREA PROFESSIONAL PET SITTERS

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION

INTRODUCTION TO TAPPS

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Triangle Area Professional Pet Sitters (TAPPS). TAPPS is a professional pet sitting association in North Carolina formed to serve the following goals:

FOR PET SITTERS

TAPPS will provide members the opportunity for the positive exchange of experiences and opinions through interactive discussion. High standards of conduct among providers of pet sitting services will be encouraged and maintained. Valuable information relative to the functions and accomplishments of successful pet sitting establishments will be presented to the membership.

FOR THE PUBLIC

TAPPS will promote the business of pet sitting and educate the public regarding the benefits of these services and it will strengthen and promote the awareness of pet sitting as a professional occupation. The Association will foster goodwill between other pet care providers and pet sitters and the public they serve. Also, the Association will conduct and cooperate in courses of study to benefit Association Members and/or Triangle Area pet owners.

TAPPS' MEMBER BENEFITS

- Receiving referrals through the TAPPS website and from fellow members.
- Enjoying camaraderie with fellow professional pet sitters.
- Attending informative meetings highlighting local professional business services.
- Participating in continuing educational opportunities.
- Serving the local animal community.
- Networking with other types of pet care specialists.
- Educating the public about professional pet sitting in our area.

TAPPS' MISSION STATEMENT

- To promote the value of professional pet sitting to Triangle Area pet owners.
- To foster cooperation and support between Triangle Area Professional Pet Sitters' individual businesses through networking and continuing education in the pet sitting field.
- To positively impact the welfare of Triangle Area shelters and animals.

TAPPS' MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Membership in the Association is limited to individuals or companies:

- 1.) Who are principal owners of a pet sitting business;
- 2.) Who have made formal application to TAPPS;
- 3.) Who have paid and are current on membership dues to the Association;
- 4.) Who are engaged in the business of professional pet sitting primarily located in any of the following North Carolina counties – Wake, Durham, Orange, Granville, Franklin and Johnston;
- 5.) Who derive a substantial portion of their pet related income from professional pet sitting;
- 6.) Who have agreed to adhere to the Association's Pledge of Professionalism and other policies;
- 7.) Who have read and agree to abide by all TAPPS' Bylaws;
- 8.) Who have fulfilled the requirements of membership as follows:
 - a.) Bonding Insurance
 - b.) Liability Insurance
- 9.) Who have agreed to participate in a minimum of two meetings or events within a twelve month period (these shall include regular member meetings, special meetings or recognized TAPPS events); and
- 10.) Who attest to having no felony convictions, which would void membership.

Once a potential TAPPS member has submitted a completed Membership Application with full payment, the Executive Committee will review the application. If approved, full membership status will be granted and the new member will be added to the TAPPS Yahoo Group and the TAPPS referral website. If membership is declined, the dues payment will be returned to the candidate along with an explanation of refusal.

CURRENT TAPPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Executive Committee

President	Nancy Stevens	Ark Angels Pet Care
Secretary	Irene Cotter	Fur-Fetched
Treasurer	Liza Koomen	Piper's Pets



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FIRST TIME MEMBER
(renewing members \$85, no reapplication needed)

\$125.00 (prorated from January) + **Application form**
(check payable to TAPPS)

Principal Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

Business Email Address: _____

Business Website Address: _____

General description of area serviced:

Bonding Insurance Company and Policy Number (please attach copy):

Pet Sitting Liability Insurance Company and Policy Number (please attach copy):

Additional information needed for inclusion in TAPPS website:

In addition to your name, company name, phone number and website name listed in the application, we'll need the following information to be able to add your company to www.TAPPSNC.com :

The zip codes that you service: _____

Pet Services Provided: (Check all that apply)

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| Dogs | Geriatric Care |
| Cats | Relaxation Massage |
| Birds | Reiki |
| Horses | Overnight Stays |
| Farm Animals | Doggie/Kitty Day Care |
| Fish/Aquarium Care | Boarding |
| Caged Pets (pocket pets, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) | Pet Transportation |
| Exotics/Reptiles | Professional Grooming |
| Home Prepared Diets | Dog Training or Behavior Modification |
| Diabetic Care | Horse Training or Behavior Modification |
| Subcutaneous Fluids | Yard Pet Waste Removal |
| Medications | House Sitting |

Also, we'll need a short (200 characters, including spaces) description of your business and your business logo. The last 2 things can be emailed to Irene Cotter, email address below. It's easier to write a paragraph on the computer and have it count your characters, and the logo needs to be a digital JPEG. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Irene Cotter, TAPPS Secretary.

Email logo and company description to:

Irene@furfetched.com

TAPPS' PLEDGE OF PROFESSIONALISM

As a TAPPS member, I agree to abide by the following standards:

- To treat clients, fellow professional pet sitters and employees or contractors with honesty, respect and courtesy.
- To protect and honor clients' information, privacy and property.
- To provide skillful pet care in a safe, compassionate and well-documented manner.
- To educate myself, my clients and my community in an on-going manner about the proper care, nutrition and behavior of all pets within my area of specialty or expertise.
- To dedicate a portion of my time and/or resources to the welfare of animals locally, nationally or globally.
- To comply with all local, state and federal laws regarding the business of in-home pet sitting.
- To promote a product, service or event in connection with TAPPS only with written consent of the Board of Directors of the Association.

By signing and submitting this Application I am certifying that:

- All information contained above is true and correct to my knowledge.
- I am the person responsible for making the business decisions for the company listed above.
- I agree to abide by the Triangle Area Professional Pet Sitters' (TAPPS) Pledge of Professionalism and other policies.
- All TAPPS Membership Criteria must be kept current and/or remain in good standing in order to remain a member of the Association.

Applicant Signature

Date

Company Name

Mail Application to:

Irene Cotter
TAPPS Secretary
8329 Lakewood Dr.
Raleigh, North Carolina 27613

Thank you!