



Now, there's help to TAKE CARE OF YOUR PETS

Leaving your pet alone while you are out on a vacation can not only be traumatic but also life-threatening for your pet. Animal lovers in the city have established a number of 'pet hostels' in Pune to cater precisely to such a need and help you vacation peacefully, says **Neha Madaan**

VET'S RECOMMEND

The Paws Pack - 9322702743 / 9823191350 / 9890334433

Pet-Sitters : Shalakra : 9822001110

Jalloupe : Rohan More:9890920183

Royal Kennels : Dange : 25532627

Shri Kennels : Prarikshit: 9890057795

It is the one thing that perpetually bothers you before taking a vacation: the safety of your pet while you are gone. Most owners leave the pet with their relatives or servants, even while some take the pet along, something that is not as easy as it sounds. There are pet hostels too, but how can one be sure that the pet is being entrusted to responsible people?

"Not many know about pet hostels. Many times, pet owners leave the pet alone at home and keep enough food for it to sustain, which is not quite wise. Indian railways and airlines have stringent laws on pet transportation, unlike countries like Germany where the local rail network has chalked out a clear policy and arrangements for pet transportation. This is one reason that prevents a lot of people from keeping pets," says Manoj Oswal, co-founder, People for Animals (PFA). Vet Shrinivas G Rana maintains that dogs are quite territorial and therefore, are better off if left at home with a reliable servant or relative. "They might feel estranged and scared in a hostel because pets take time to acclimatize to new surroundings."

Shruti Srinath, member, The Paws Pack, says that the owners are very skeptical about the conditions in which their pet will be kept. They usually contact the pet's vet or find out through friends or magazines the safest place they can trust. The distance from their house is another problem. The hostel's condition in terms of hygiene is another key element that the owner will always be wary of, she says. Moreover, most hostels are located in farms and the peripheries of the city due to which dogs may suffer from a tick borne disease called 'tick fever'.

Precautions to take

Owners should provide their veterinarians' contact numbers and notify the vets before leaving the pet in a kennel. Aggressive dogs should not be put in a kennel lest they run away and never be found.

Vet Milind Hatekar cautions that tick preventive medication such as Frontline/ Advantix and a tick collar should be put on dogs before leaving them at a kennel. "Pet owners usually call the dog's vet to find a good dog hostel. I suggest that if the owners are going for a long trip, they should keep the dog in the recommended kennel on a trial basis, for one or two days to see how the animal adjusts," he says.

To ensure that a hostel is up to the proposed standard, the owners must visit the kennel personally before putting the pet there. "Check the cleanliness and feeding schedule, take your dog there a couple of times to see how comfortable he is and ask the hostel owners questions on what they would do if the dog falls ill," says Srinath, while listing out the prerequisites of hosting a pet.

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The Paws Pack also hostels has just one kennel. "We have

one kennel where we hostel pets, but only one at a time, so that individual attention is given. Nevertheless, our pet hostel is in the making," Srinath says. Here, the pet is fed exactly according to the schedule adhering to which it is fed at home. A detailed schedule sheet is taken from the owner for meal schedules and walk timings of the pet, whereas the details of the pet's vet are also taken beforehand, in case it should fall ill. "Rs 350 per night (food expenses included) are the charges.

The pet hostel, Pet Sitters, located at the IT Park and manned by Shalakra and her father, is another option that is often recommended by vets. "After having seen the pet facilities in the city and volunteering at Vet Hatekar's clinic for a while, I knew I had to start a service that pet owners can actually trust, hence Pet Sitters. Hygiene and health facilities are the two things I am extremely meticulous about. I do not want the dog to go home sick because the owners spend a lot on accommodating the pet in the hostel. We insist the owners to come and see the place and allow him/her to keep the dog on a trial basis. We have kennels that are 4 by 8 feet in measurement, even though the dogs are kept out in the precincts during the day and put in the kennel only at night," Shalakra says. The two-week-old hostel provides pick and drop services as well and can accommodate six dogs at any given time, daily charges being Rs250.

Dhanashree Bhisey's boarding kennel near the NDA circle was built in 2000, and now embodies 20 large kennels, each being 16 by 6 feet. "The daily charges vary according to the dog's size, Rs250 for small breeds while Rs275-300 for larger ones," says Bhisey.



■ Pet Sitters' Shalakra playing with Kaizer, a boarder that stayed at her hostel for a period of ten days - Shashank Sane, DNA



I had left my dog at a pet hostel in Kondhwa for a month. A surprise visit to the place was all it took to estimate its standard, for my dog was kept in a cage, moribund with ticks all over his coat. I had left him there before too, but not for a long period of time and the hostel owners usually cleaned him up before sending him home. The surprise visit actually helped me find out the conditions in which he was kept all the while he was there."

—Anuja Mehta, who has a boxer, laments



My family and I went to Mahabaleshwar along with our dog because there wasn't anybody to care of him in our absence. We stopped by at an eatery and left him in the car for an hour, because we could not take him inside. By the time we came out, he had vomited all over the car's upholstery and was breathing his last. He died of renal failure caused by extreme trauma, said the vets."

—Jay Jagannath, a pet owner, recalls

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COLOUR PALLETTE



Santiniketan School: Exhibition of paintings and sculptures, April 13 till April 30, India art gallery, Opp Vikhe Patil School Patrakar Nagar Road, off Senapati Bapat Road. Contact : 25662854

EVENTS

Babasaheb Ambedkar Sanskritik Mahotsav Samiti, PMC: Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar memorial lecture series from April 9 till 18 at Dr Ambedkar Sanskritik Bhavan at 6 pm.

Chokhi Dhani: Rajasthani fair & festival from April 9 till 27 at Chokhi Dhani, Wagholi

Supraja Garbha Sanskar Kendra: Workshop on garbhāsanskars from April 4 till April 28. Contact Dr. Deshmukh: 9822960828, 982229579

Mahavir Pratishthan: Lecture series on Mahavir from April 12 till April 17 at Mahavir Pratishthan, Salisbury Park from 8 am to 9 am.

MCCIA, Presentation on investing in Netherlands: A tax and business advantage, April 15, MCCIA office, 6.00 pm

The Poona Music Society: Piano recital by Shani Diluka at society hall on April 15, 7 pm.

ALMANAC

15-04-2008 [Tuesday] Shri Vikram Samvat 2065, Sake Era 1930, Sun Utrayan,Uttar Gole, Basant Ritu,Chaitra Shukla Paksha Dashmi till 10.28 am,Nakshatra Ashlesha till 07.27 am,Yoga Gand till 03.56 am,Karan Gar till 10.28 am,and after that Vanij till 10.37 pm ,and Bhadra starts.

Rahu Kala time—03.00 pm to 04.30 pm, **Yam Ganda time**—09.00 am to 10.30 am **Best Period**—11.30 am to 01.30 pm, & 06.30 pm to 08.30 pm

—Pandit Vijay Tripathi

FORECAST

Partly cloudy sky. Maximum temperature likely to be around 39.0°C

ANNOUNCEMENT

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TRAINS OUT OF PUNE

UP TRAINS	Arr	Dep			
Bangalore Ajmer Exp 6210 (Wed)	1830	1840	Mumbai Chennai Exp 6011	1755	1805
Bangalore Gandhidham Exp. 6506 (Sun)	1830	1840	Mumbai Hyderabad Exp 7031	1630	1640
Bangalore Jodhpur Exp 6508 (Tues Thu)	1830	1840	CSTM Hyderabad Hussain Sagar Exp 2701	0120	0130
Bangalore Mumbai Chalukya Exp. 1018 (except Fri)	0215	0220	Mumbai Kanyakumari Exp 1081	1915	1925
Bangalore Mumbai Udayan Exp. 6530	1545	1550	Mumbai Kolhapur Koyana Exp 1029	1305	1315
Bhubaneswar Mumbai Konark Exp. 1020	2345	2355	Mumbai Kolhapur Mahalaxmi Exp 1011	0005	0015
BSB Pune Dnyanganga Exp. 1032 (Thu)	0800	0805	Mumbai Kolhapur Sahyadri Exp 1023	2155	2205
Chennai dadar Exp. 2164	0225	0235	Mumbai Mysore Sharavathi Exp 1035 (WED)	0100	0110
Chennai Mumbai Exp. 6010	2320	2330	CSTM Solapur Siddheshwar Exp 2115	0210	0220
Chennai Mumbai Exp 6012	0935	0945	Mumbai Thiruvananthapuram Exp 6331 (Mon)	1550	1600
Coimbatore Lokmanya Tilak (T) Exp. 1014	1035	1045	Mysore Nizamuddin Swarna Jayanti Exp 2781 (Sat)	1605	1615
Coimbatore rajkot Exp. 6614 (Sat)	0205	0210	New Bhuj Pune Exp 1091 (Thu)	0445	-
Darbhangha Pune Exp. 2134 (Sun)	0800	-	Pune Darbhanga Exp 2133 (Wed)	-	1615
Ernakulam Pune Purna Exp 1098 (Wed)	0505	-	Pune Ernakulam Poorna Exp 1097 (Sat)	-	2310
Gondia Kolhapur Maharashtra Exp. 1040	0440	0455	Pune Howrah Azad Hind Exp 2129	-	1825
Howrah Pune Azad Hind Exp 2130	0650	-	Pune Jammu Tawi Jhelum Exp 1077	-	1725
Hyderabad Mumbai Exp 7032	0910	0920	Pune Nanded Exp 2729 (Mon, Wed)	-	2200
Hyderabad Mumbai Hussain Sagar Exp. 2702	0110	0120	Pune Patna Exp 2149 (Thu, Sun)	-	2055
Kanyakumari Mumbai Exp. 1082	0040	0050	Pune Solapur Hutatma Exp 2157	-	1800
Kolhapur Mumbai Mahalaxmi Exp 1012	0330	0340	Pune Varanasi Dnyanganga Exp 1031 (Mon)	2225	2230
Kolhapur Mumbai Koyana Exp. 1030	1550	1600	Rajkot Secunderabad Exp 7017 (Mon, Wed, Thu)	2225	2230
Kolhapur Mumbai Sahyadri Exp 1024	0650	0700	Vasco Nizamuddin Goa Exp 2779	0405	0415
Madurai Lokmanya Tilak (T) Exp 1044 (Mon)	0205	0210	Yashwantpur Nizamuddin Exp 2629 (Wed, Fri)	0750	0800
Mysore Mumbai Charavathi Exp. 1036 (Fri)	0330	0335	Pune Nagpur Exp 2135 (Mon, Wed, Fri)	-	1740
Mysore DR Chalukya Exp. (Except Fri) 1018	0215	0220	Pune Lucknow Exp 2103 (Fri)	1615	-
Nanded Pune Exp 2730 (Mon, Wed)	0920	-			
NCJ CSTM Exp. 6340 (Tues, Wed, Thu, Sat)	1630	1640			
Nizamuddin Kolhapur Exp 2148 (Fri)	0920	0930			
Nizamuddin Mysore Swarna Jayanti Exp 2782 (Tues)	1620	1630			
Nizamuddin Vasco Exp 2780	0920	0930			
Patna Pune Exp 2150 (Mon, Thu)	0530	-			
Pune Ahmedabad Ahimsa Exp. 1096 (Wed, Thu)	-	1950			
Pune Indore Exp 9311 (Tues, Fri)	-	1520			
Pune Jammu Tawi Jhelum Exp 1078	1435	-			
Pune new Bhuj Exp 1092 (Mon)	1950	-			
Secunderabad Rajkot Exp 7018 (Sun, Tues, Wed)	0205	0210			
Solapur Mumbai Siddheshwar Exp 2116	0255	0300			
Solapur Pune Hutatma Exp 2158	1050	-			
Thiruvananthapuram Mumbai Exp 6332 (Sun)	1630	1640			
Tirupati Mumbai Exp 6352 (Mon, Fri)	1630	1640			
Vijaywada Lokmanya Tilak (T) Exp 7204 (Fri)	0205	0205			
Nizamuddin Yashwantpur Exp 2630 (Thu, Sat)	1110	1120			
Nagpur-Pune 2136 (Sun, Wed, Fri)	1025	-			
Lucknow Pune 2104 (Mon)	0800	-			

PUNE - MUMBAI TRAINS			
Deccan Express	UP 1008 15:30	DOWN 1007 11:00	
Deccan Queen	UP 2124 07:15	DOWN 2123 20:25	
Indrayani Express	UP 1022 18:35	DOWN 1021 09:05	
Pragati Express	UP 2126 07:50	DOWN 2125 19:50	
Intercity Express	UP 2128 17:55	DOWN 2127 06:45	
Sinhagad Express	UP 1010 06:05	DOWN 1009 18:40	

FLIGHT

DOMESTIC

Delhi	Jet : 14:15 PM	Jet : 17:30 PM
Kingfisher : 11:30 AM	Air Deccan : 14:00 PM	Ahmedabad Kingfisher : 17:30 PM
Jetliffe : 15:00PM	Spicejet : 15:45 PM	
Jet : 11:45 PM	Indigo : 17:00 PM	Spicejet : 12:45 PM (2)
Air Deccan : 12:15PM	Kingfisher : 17:25 PM	Hyderabad
Indigo : 12:00PM	Chennai	Spicejet : 12:45 PM (1,3,4,5,6,7)
Spicejet : 13:30 PM	Jet : 14:15 PM	Jetliffe : 14:00 PM
Indian : 16:10 PM	Air Deccan : 15:15 PM	Indian : 13:15 PM
Jet : 17:15 PM	Air Deccan : 16:35 PM	Air Deccan : 16:35 PM
Bangalore Kingfisher : 11:30 PM	Spicejet : 15:45 PM	Kingfisher : 17:20 PM
Indigo : 13:00 PM	Kingfisher : 17:20 PM	Kingfisher : 16:15 PM
Indian : 13:15 PM	Mumbai	
	Jet : 11:35 PM	Kolkata

INTERNATIONAL

Dubai	Air India	15:00 PM (2,4,6,7)
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⊠-Indicates daily departures. Figures in brackets indicate the days of the week, where "1" is Monday.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

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	Apollo CT scan centre, Jehangir 26050550	25533505
	Deenanath Mangeshkar 66023000/ 66023041	24475058, 24475714
	Desai Accident and General 27128034/27125855	
	Dharma Orthopaedic 26593893	
	ESIC 27282327/27283104	
	Hardikar 25535326/9	
	Joshi 25672563/2567254	
	Inlaks 66099999/66099919/66099727	
	Institute of urology 2543063/72	
	Jehangir 26122551/26050550	
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	Bharati 24371116	
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	Kotbagi 2582770/71	
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	Medinova diagnostic services 25533731	
	Medipoint, Aundh 27297337/27298064	
	Mental Health Institute, Yerawada 26692543	
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	Poona 24331706/1099	
	Ratna Memorial 25651037/25657564	
	Ruby Hall Clinic 26123391/26123392	
	Ruby Hall Cancer Centre 9890300507	
	Sancheti Orthopaedic 25533333	
	Chaltanya 27450333/27485833	
	Saason 26128000	
	Sumati 26140771/26141149	
	Surya 24454232/4 lines	
	Sahyadri Speciality 25403000/3040	
	NM Wadia Cardiac 26122936	
	Neo Clinic (children) 25501371	
	Unique Children 27565664/25658409	
	2443841/42/43/44	
AMBULANCE		
	Kardik Ambulance 26136315	
	Colambus Ambulance 25523630	
	Nandadeep Ambulance 25533496	
	Rugnaseva Ambulance 24217672	
	Sai Ambulance 24215208	
	Sanjivani Ambulance 24446914	
	Shrinarayani Ambulance 24431395	
	Ruby Hall Clinic 26125305	
	Jehangir Hospital Ambulance 1066	
EMERGENCY		
	Gas Cylinder Leak Complaint 25462438	
	Electricity power failure 1600214565	
	Street lights & faults 25501371	
	Snake Catch 24370477	
	Dead animal removal 25501227	
	Drainage and maintenance 25501405	
	Slum control department 24477771	
	Intensive burn care centre 66099999	
	Haemophilia Society of Maharashtra 27470008	
	Civil Encroachments 25501242	
	Birth/Death Registration 24455822	
BLOOD BANKS		
	KEM Hospital 26125600	
	Navjeevan 24480341	
	Ruby Hall 26136318	
	Indian Red Cross 26120950	
	Jan Kalyan 24449527	
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	D. Mangeshkar 40151007	
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	General Post Office 26127825	
	Shivajinagar Post Office 25533505	
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RAILWAY STATION		
	Enquiry 26126575	
	Reservation 26136666	
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	Mumbai to Pune 26135784	
	Pune to Mumbai 26129657	
PRE-PAID AUTO		
	Pune Railway Station 26145248	
	Shivaji Nagar ST Stand 25512973	
	Swargate ST Stand In Gate 24436193	
AIRLINE		
	Jet Airways 26685581/92/93	
	Air Sahara 26059003/04/05, 26683222	
	Air Deccan 98904770	