

ThePetsitters.net

We are STEPHAN and VERENA, a reliable and trustworthy German house and pet-sitting couple offering to take care of your pets, house and garden whilst you are away. We will feed your pets, walk the dogs, remove ticks and give lots of cuddles. Cats too! We will clean out the horses stables, water your plants, repair fences and liaise with your neighbours and friends.

We look after your cats, dogs or horses during your vacations.

House and pet sitting



Profession



Documentation of our art projects: STEPHANundVERENA.de

We were both born in 1970 in the south of Germany getting to know each other at University. We both studied fine arts and found we work well together and have been together ever since. After studying we began to create art projects and exhibitions. Since then we have been freelance artists. We organize and perform large art events all over Europe in vacant, historical buildings using video, light, and sound installations, paintings and sculpture. We are highly organized and disciplined. Please visit our art-website where you can see for yourself the kind of creative people we are, enjoy!

Living in the country



We both grew up in a rural area with animals, ducks, bunnies, horses and dogs all of which were treated as members of the family. Early on we developed a close relationship with nature and experienced dealing with pets and livestock. In 2006 we started a free pet care project, mostly because we like animals, but couldn't have a pet while creating our art projects and events in always different locations, so proper animal husbandry was not possible for us in such conditions.

Multiple skills

for different requests



Since 2006 we have looked after dogs, cats, horses, birds, sheep, goats, llamas and iguanas in more than 20 different locations including Portugal, Spain, Holland and Germany. We have worked for periods varying from 14 days to 6 months in quite diverse households. Some of them were in the countryside, without neighbours but with alternate electricity and autonomous water supply. Some of them were villas on the isle of Mallorca with gardens and pools. It was always a joyful experience, whether tending a big pack of dogs, little puppies, ill or disabled animals, or run

ning a guesthouse on an island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean with huge sub-tropical garden, preparing breakfast and entertaining the guests - the animals, owners and even guests and neighbours were very happy with our presence. We have the skills and the knowledge gained from our vast experience to deal with any situation or event that comes our way and we love new challenges in new locations, we enjoy meeting people and learning their culture and customs. If we say 'Yes!' then we will give 100% in order to fulfil your needs and those of your property and livestock.

The alternative choice

to boarding kennels



We offer a great opportunity for your pets to stay in their own home instead of being sent to boarding kennels. We are experienced and knowledgeable in dealing with a wide variety of pets, have a lot of time only for them and are conscious of their need for a healthy diet, long walks, lots of cuddles, personal hygiene and some philosophically, late night talks by the fireside. We think you get the picture!

The first steps



Upon arrival at a new location we immediately get to know the dogs and cats by interacting with them and getting to know their personalities. Pets, with their brilliant 7th sense, will know that we are the new alpha leaders, their friends and the provider of food.

Cosy coexistence



We know how important it is to talk to the animals, animals do understand and appreciate company. We involve the animals in everyday occurrences such as cleaning the stables, gardening, grazing horses, reading a book or taking a siesta! There are any number of activities where life can be shared to create that important bond between animal and carer.

Emergencies or illness



It goes without saying that we will give your pets any medication that they may need. We have extensive knowledge of animal care and husbandry which is useful in the event of accident or illness. In events beyond our control and knowledge we will contact or visit the veterinary surgery you /the owner trusts. In serious cases we will contact you /the owner to discuss the situation and together develop a course of action to resolve the problem.

Health



We adopt the feeding rituals laid down by you the owner though sometimes for a healthier pet we may change some feeding habits or behaviour patterns. After a rainy walk we towel the dogs, we pick out the horses hooves regularly and we free the pets from flees, ticks and other vermin. We clean out the stables every day renew the cat litter when it is necessary and keep feeding areas clean and tidy to avoid ill health and maintain ultimate well being.

Reliable people

in a position of trust



Our art projects are held in significant historic buildings made available to us by the community. We are entrusted to create our exhibitions in these buildings using our creative talents thereby making that building, once again, a centre for the town, village or city. Great trust and responsibility is put upon us and so we know how to care for and maintain your property and animals in a thoughtful and trustworthy manner. Both of us are knowledgeable and handy about the house, very creative in finding solutions for unforeseen problems, trained through our art and creative work we have a way of getting things done regardless of location, situation or eventuality. We are honest and always keep our word; we are acting not out of self profit but with respect

for others ways, opinions and ideologies. We are very self-assured, knowledgeable and not afraid to do things in a way we deem is for the best, in regard to our own experiences. We will endeavour to maintain your property to the highest standards. We will look after your belongings with respect and care for your pets and livestock with love, understanding and mutual bonding.

Security



We endeavour to spend the greater part of our time on your property and leave it only for shopping, walking the dogs and/or in an emergency. We can be contacted any time, both day and night, to deal with any situation in your absence. Our presence on the property deters housebreakers and burglaries enabling you to have peace of mind whilst you are away.

Plants and gardening



In addition to our love of animals we like to live in harmony with nature and respect its strength and beauty. We enjoy being outdoors, eating fresh and healthy vegetables and fruit and are delighted in the esthetic look of a nice, sophisticated garden. We will nurture your plants and water them in the dry periods as well as harvest the fruits and vegetables before they rot. We can prune and cut trees and hedges when necessary. Greenhouse, garden beds, lawns, herb garden and forestry any living plant life that needs caring and nurturing is safe in our hands.

Expert skills

in repairing and maintaining



We have experience with a lot of different sorts of buildings maintenance and repair. Our skills have been honed from years of improving and upgrading the buildings and areas we have lived in while creating our events and exhibitions across Europe. We learned a lot from the many house sitting jobs we have been commissioned to work and live in from Mallorca to the woods of Alentejo, pool cleaning, maintaining solar electricity systems even water supply from wells. Small reparations in or around the house can be easily done and deficiencies in running systems can be remedied.

Peace of mind

for you and your property in your absence



While you are enjoying your holidays or other activities, we will empty your letterbox, do the shopping, water your plants, clean and air the house. We will liaise with your neighbours if required and attend to anything arranged with you beforehand. All aspects of your daily life and your property will be cared for to the highest of standards, rest assured.

Running a guesthouse



Whether you are renting out apartments or running any other kind of tourist business we are very good hosts. We are interested in people and like to look behind the scenes and learn about events, customs, history and the culture of the area. As a result we are able to explain to guests and visitors what is happening in the locality, how things work and what is available. We can welcome your guests, show them to their rooms, explain cultural events and make them feel comfortable, familiar and at home on your property.

Conditions and contact

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thinking in a sustainable way. We search out the cheapest flights and connections. Our service is free but we take our work very seriously and during our stay our concern is only for your pets, your property and belongings. Rest assured you are in safe hands. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you in the future.

Our pet sitter service is free but it would be nice if you could reimburse our travel expenses and the cost of any everyday items we may need to buy during our stay on your property. We earn our money by creating art exhibitions and selling our paintings. With the pet sitter service we want to make it possible for owners to leave their home safe in the knowledge that their animals, property and business are being taken care of. We use this time to recharge our batteries following an art event. Our philosophy is to help humans and animals to experience a bigger picture and for ourselves to garner new ideas and receive inspiration for our art and our life. We are very good at organizing and

CV

STEPHAN and VERENA:

- born 1970
- grown up in a rural area of southern Germany
- with contact to various types of pets, gardening, works around the house
- 1989 high school diploma
- 1990-95 studies at University of teacher education Karlsruhe
- major subjects: artistic professions, education and technical crafts
- since 1996 freelance artists
- organizing of large art events in big, vacant, mostly historical buildings
- creating of mechanical / electrical art installations with the use of multimedia, paintings and printed graphics

since 1993 working together very successfully as couple

doing EVERYTHING together = physical and mental x2
if one fails the otherone can always help out
due to our shared experience we always think in the same direction and can develop new ideas/solutions easily

Talents:

- creative professionals who are multi-skilled
- well educated and tech-savvy
- self motivated, well organized and detail oriented
- very sensitiv, warm, friendly and responsible
- infectiously good-humoured and spreading happiness and joy in life
- utilizing our wide array of talents to satisfy and harmonise humans and animals
- deep sense of loyalty
- always a positive "can do" attitude
- clean and well groomed appearance adapted to the event or occasion

no smoke, no drugs, no alc

General skills:

- speaking fluently German and English, basic French, understanding little Spanish / Portuguese / Italien
- general willing attitude to learn (not only language)
- comfortable making conversation with all sorts of travelers from across the globe
- very okay living in a fairly remote area, off the grid with limited resources
- work alone for long periods of time with no assistance
- ability to be innovative, imaginative and creative
- excellent managing and organisational skills
- experience of providing and organizing classes/ workshops and special events
- providing high-end service
- manage time effectively and efficiently
- very spontaneous and creative in unforeseen situations
- superior communication and problem solving skills
- supervisor skills, oversee other employees
- the ability to overcome daily obstacles on islands in an extremely remote location
- comfortable working outdoors in all climates
- advanced computer skills: Windows, email, internet research, Office, web/multimedia designing and editing
- advanced digital photographic and video skills

Caretaking:

- live-on-site property caretakers
- light machinery and system maintenance / handyman / basic plumbing / pool
- advanced mechanical and electrical / light electrical skills
- light physical activity / lifting
- operating all kind of cars / light trucks and small garden machinery
- living and working in a unique and different style setting with the willingness to learn and adapt
- very reliable and secure drivers
- both have clean driving licence

Petsitting:

- highly experienced due to engagements at more than 20 different locations with over 100 different pets
- extreme pet lovers
- keeping all animals clean, happy and healthy
- ability to handle animals patiently, gently and confidently
- ability to cope with upsetting situations like working with injured or badly treated animals
- taking responsibility for the duty of care of animals
- dog wisperer
- excellent knowledge of basic dog, cat and horse care
- ability to recognize an ailment, should it arise and how to handle it (vet/no vet)

Guest service:

- friendly and familiar customer service
- checking guests in and giving them the tour of the property
- organising tours and transport of guests
- guiding hiking guests
- showing and explaining local sights to the guests
- making guests familiar with local and regional culture, stories and habits

Farming and gardening:

- knowledge of and interest in permaculture
- sustainable agriculture and horticulture experience
- familiar with simple drip irrigation systems
- composting, organic pest and disease management
- interest in learning and teaching new techniques through skill sharing and participatory activities

References:

Please feel free to contact english speaking clients who have already experienced our unique service.

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