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You deserve a vacation! You've probably worked hard all year and have been saving up and waiting patiently for a chance to get away for a few days (or a few weeks). Maybe you're just planning for a quick weekend getaway with your spouse to a bed-and-breakfast, or maybe you are looking to splurge and go to a resort somewhere warm and tropical.

But what about your pets? What are you going to do about your pets this year? Perhaps you have a dog or couple cats or some fish that need to be taking care of. Do you rely again on the goodwill of your friends and neighbors and farm your pets out to each one and hope they come back alive and well-fed? Do you beg someone to come and feed them? This can sometimes be a problem if you have family and friends who do not have the same appreciation for your pets that you do. But there are alternatives.

Increasing in popularity today are pet hotels and pet bed and breakfasts. If you've never heard of these things before they probably sound quite funny to you. But for the animal lover, they are an ideal alternative to relying on family and friends or packing your beloved dog off to the kennel where it can be housed in a cage.

Animal hotels and animal bed and breakfasts are a little bit more expensive than kennels, but your pet will be treated with the dignity they deserve while you are traveling. So it's like your four-legged family member is having its own vacation while you are enjoying yours!

While still a fairly recent phenomenon, animal hotels provide loving care by professionals to your four-legged family member. Your dog or cat will be able to run and play in an open area, will receive good food and exercise, and will be attended to and pampered by professionals. If you, like many people, consider your canine or feline to be simply another member of the family, you will have the peace-of-mind that they are well cared for!

So when you are away on vacation, why not send your dog or on vacation as well? A deserve it just as much as you do!

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