Choosing a Kennel or Cattery

Choosing a kennel or cattery can be a daunting task. It is very important that you feel CONFIDENT when you are leaving your much loved pet that they will be SAFE and well looked after . The aim of this leaflet is to give you an idea on what to look for when selecting a kennel or cattery. Personal RECOMMENDATION is a very good way to draw up a short list that you can then visit. The following checklist will help you assess the facility for your pet. Make an appointment to VISIT the establishment – if this is not allowed look elsewhere. Staff should always be WELCOMING and willing and able to answer any questions that you might have.

Checklist

* Do the animals all have clean and full water bowls
* Are the premises and cages well maintained i.e no opportunity for escape!
* Are the kennels smelly – there will be some odour but it should not be overpowering
* Do all dogs have access to a run and covered area
* Do cats have adequate room to move around and play

- ❧ Are all animals locked up individually with suitable bedding overnight

- ❧ Ask if dogs are walked , where to and for how long

- ❧ Do cats have toys to play with or scratching post facilities

- ❧ Can the animals take their own beds to help them feel more at home

- ❧ Will the animals be groomed

- ❧ What are the feeding arrangements – when are they fed, what are they fed?

- ❧ What are the veterinary arrangements should your pet become unwell while in their care

The kennel or cattery should also be looking for information from you such as:

- Proof of up to date VACCINATIONS

- Any relevant medical history

- Information about your pet – NAME , age ,breed, likes and dislikes

- CONTACT DETAILS for your vet and an emergency contact

Once you have located a good kennel remember to book well in advance as good kennels fill up fast at peak times