

Petsitting

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What do I do?

- ▶ When I petsit, I meet with the owners of the animals to learn their routine. I follow the routines to ensure the animals are comfortable while their owners are away. I keep the animals company and make them happy. My vet assisting training has helped me when I need to give an animal medications. My duties include feeding the animals, letting them out if they are indoor, walking them, cleaning, and of course playing!

Faygo

- ▶ Faygo is a Doberman who has separation anxiety. She gets depressed when her owner is out of town and hardly moves or eats. She warmed up to me and sat with me. Faygo also ate and went outside to play! Her owner was surprised to hear the great news.



Brad

- ▶ Brad is a mixed breed puppy. He has 2 Chihuahua siblings that are well trained. He likes to get into trouble and chew up things he's not supposed to. I made sure to watch him and not let him get into trouble. He has to go on frequent walks to learn not to have accidents.



Raven

- ▶ Raven is a Chihuahua/Yorkie mix puppy. Her owner works all day and doesn't want her to be in a cage alone. I bring her home to play with her brothers from earlier litters. She has to go outside often to prevent having accidents.



Archie

- ▶ Archie was always excited to see me when I came to feed him. He always snuggled up to me and wanted to be petted when I was finished cleaning his litter box. He was a street rescue from Charlotte, NC who is now living in the safety of his forever home.



Kodie(grey) and Shadow(black)

- ▶ These cats were very sweet and loving. They enjoyed seeing me when I came to feed them and loved a good petting. It took a few minutes for them to appear but they would love the treats I gave them.



Nova

- ▶ Nova is a playful little puppy. She's super sweet and listens to her owner. She loves to play outside with her toys and goes to her kennel at night to sleep.



Reptiles

- ▶ I took care of several bearded dragons, geckos, lizards, and frogs. The reptiles needed special care. Many of them ate worms and bugs but some needed greens. The lizards that ate greens needed calcium powder to help them stay healthy. One of the bearded dragons was spoiled and liked to be handfed. The dragon would eat insect powder off of a spoon and would eat some greens. One dragon had a friend from a different breed that normally don't get along, a chuckwalla. These breeds are quite different but these two are best friends.



What I learned

- ▶ I learned that animals of all different breeds have different needs. Whether it be reptiles, cats, or dogs. Animals can get lonely and need someone to be there for them. I may not be their owner but I am there to keep them company and make them happy.