

Assuring Quality Activities: Prevention

Whenever leaving for vacation or staying at an after school event, there are times when you are unable to care directly for your animals. Pretend you are going to go on vacation with your family for a week. Who is going to care for your animals while you are gone? Using the ideas below, list your response as you would need to write the instructions out for someone that really was caring for your animals while you were away.

1. Who is going to watch over my animals?
2. The number and the type of animals they will be responsible for is:
3. The feed is located at:
4. We give each animal (pen or herd) _____ amount of _____ feed (what kind of feed) each time we feed them.*
5. The animals need to be fed _____ times a day; we usually feed them around _____ (time) each day.*
6. We feed them at _____ (location).*
7. The animals need to be watered _____ times daily. The water tank is located at _____ and the faucet/bucket/hose is located at _____.* If the tank is full, be sure to clean it.
8. There are _____ animals on medication. (Make a detailed list of the animals, what medications, how and when to give the medication, medication location and storage, and any other information needed.)*
9. Our vet is _____ and can be reached at ____ - _____.
10. We will be home _____ (date).

11. We will be staying at _____ and can be reached at ____ - _____, if you need to contact us.

12. Our neighbors, _____ can assist if necessary. They can be reached at ____ - _____.

13. Provide any other important information that may be needed.

*Do this question for as many animals or different responses that are needed.

If someone asked you to watch their animals, what information would you like to know before they left? What questions would you ask to be better prepared? What other items are special about your animals that you would want people to know? How will sharing of information help to ensure that your animals remain healthy?