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Testimony
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HB 5799
118th District, Milford
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Chairman Meyer, Chairman Gentile, and honorable members of the Environment Committee, I am here to testify in strong support of HB 5799, An Act Requiring Pet Boarding Facilities and Kennels to Display their License Number on All Forms of Advertising.

This problem that HB 5799 addresses was brought to my attention by numerous licensed boarding facilities throughout Connecticut. I have investigated several "private" facilities in my district and discovered some disturbing facts.

Licensed boarding facilities in Connecticut are regulated and must adhere to local zoning regulations. This regulation also requires that these boarding facilities pay a licensing fee, sales tax on boarding, and all business related costs, including any insurance.

Attached to my testimony I have included several pages from websites that allow advertising for home boarding facilities. I found that these facilities do not pay for any insurance. This means that if I board my pet in someone's private home and my dog bites a guest or family member, I would be held responsible. Additionally, if my pet escaped from the boarding facility and was to either gets hit by a car or run away, for example, there is no protection for me as a consumer due to the boarding facilities lack of insurance.

This bill proposes that all animal boarding facilities must provide a license number in their advertising. This is similar to the advertising regulations that contractors must follow. The media refuses to accept advertising from a contractor who does not include their registration number in their advertisement

I trust that you will recognize the consumer protection that this bill provides to pet owners in our state and thank you for your consideration.

There's Plenty of Room For Everyone!
Wallingford, CT 06492

Description:

We welcome your loved ones into our home to spend time with us!

About Randi T.:

Hi! My name is Randi & I am an extreme animal lover! I was raised from a young age around more animals than I can name..... goats, geese, ducks, chickens, rabbits, turkeys, peacocks, dogs, cats, turtles, etc. Hence, I have been an animal lover all my life. Most recently, I saved, raised, rehabilitated and released two baby birds that hatched out in my dryer vent. I grew very attached to them and now can say I totally understand "Empty Nest Syndrome"! :) In the last 6 months, I have also participated in Search & Rescue missions for lost pets using a fully trained canine. Currently I have a small 4 year old Morkie (Maltese/Yorkie mix) named Peanut. I also have a long hair teddy bear hamster and two cats. I am available for many forms of pet care... walking/playtime, feeding, bathing, administering of medication and in certain circumstances overnight stays at your place or mine. My availability is very open and I am always willing to work with you! I look forward to hopefully having the chance to meet and spend time with your precious pets!

How long have you been a dog lover? Tell us about your history with dogs.

I have been a dog lover & animal lover for as long as I can remember. I grew up on a mini farm & had quite an assortment of animals right in my backyard. We always had dogs, our most beloved in my lifetime being Winston, our shitzu, who lived to be 15. After Winny passed, we got a Newfoundland, Tank. He was a gentle giant. Later on in life, my sister took on two English Pointer puppies, Jake & Gracie, who I also lived with until I moved out. I am now living with & caring for three dogs, Peanut (Morkie), Champ (Boxer) & Trigger (Black Lab). It really is amazing to come home & have such excitement for your arrival. That's a feeling like no other! What would you like to know about a dog before sitting him or her? Do you have any breed preferences?

I have no preferences of dog breed. I love them all! The only thing that would make me uncomfortable is caring for a "mean" dog that has bitten in the past. I would also prefer that the dog be a kid lover, as I do have a 5 year old son. As far as information I would want to know, it's important to me that the dog is up to date on his/her rabies vaccination. I would also want to know about medications or allergies, food preferences, favorite toys, etc....all of the little things that make your dog unique & happy.

Do you have reliable transportation in the event of an emergency?

Yes, I own a car.

Are you comfortable administering medication?

I have had to give my dog medications in the past & have no problem administering medications to other dogs.

I will treat your dog as well as I treat my own!
Wallingford, CT 06492

Description:

I am a high school student that is willing to watch your canine friend. I do have experience because I have a four year Scottish Terrier named Toto and he is very friendly. I can not watch your dogs for more than three nights at my house, but I am willing to watch your dogs at your house for as long as your away. I am also willing to walk dogs as long as your in the New Haven county area. I do go to school though from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Your dog has to get along with other dogs if he is staying at my house. Thank you for viewing my profile.

About Keighley C.:

I am a high school student in the New Haven County area that loves animals. I have a four year old Scottish Terrier named Toto and he is a friendly dog. I attend high school from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. I am a straight A student which proves how responsible and trustworthy I am. I also babysit children starting at age 5 to age 11, and I also watch children with special needs.

How long have you been a dog lover? Tell us about your history with dogs.

I have been a dog lover ever since I was a toddler. I fell in love with my uncle's dog Kato and he was a Rottweiler. My grandparents had a mutt dog named Amber and she was such a sweet dog. My aunt had a few dogs, a beagle, a basset hound, an american bulldog, a mutt and a black retriever. Now I have a Scottish Terrier who I love so dearly.

What would you like to know about a dog before sitting him or her? Do you have any breed preferences?

I would like to know how old the dog is and if there are any health issues related with him/her. I do not have any breed preferences as long as they are nice and friendly.

Do you have reliable transportation in the event of an emergency?

In an event of an emergency, I have family members that are willing to provide transportation because I do not have my license.

Are you comfortable administering medication?

I am comfortable with administering medication because I have had experience with my own dog as well as cats.

How much time do you plan on spending with my dog each day?

I do go to school from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. I also have homework at night which takes about an hour after school. Other than that I will play with and walk your dog with whatever free time I get!

Where will my dog sleep?

I will provide a blanket on the floor in the downstairs next to my dog's crate.

Where will you take my dog on walks? Tell me about it.

I will take your dog around the block when I take my dog. It takes about 10 minutes which is a long enough walk for three times a day.

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Pet/House sitter (North Guilford/Durham)

Mature adult with plenty of references willing to sit your house, and/or pets and/or walk your dog, your Mom or your Dad :)

Margie @ Critter Crazy.

203 314-8635

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Kate's Pet Care (Milford,New Haven)

Kate's Pet Care offers gentle care giving to all creatures big and small. Degree in animal science w/vet.tech background. Services include: dog walking/playing, feeding, medicating, cat care, poop/litter clean-up, etc. Affordable! Flexible! Experienced! Available! Reliable! Call Kate 203-887-7299 or email for more info.

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Pet Sitting... horses too! (New Haven Area)

Hello, I am "The Get It Done Girl"... Whatever you need, I can get it done!

Are you going on vacation? Or do you just need a little help? I can help take care of your pets!

I grew up on a horse farm and have over 20 years of experience with HORSES, CATS, DOGS, CHICKENS, BIRDS, FISH, and I can also take care of other animals too.

I also house-sit, babysit, and clean/organize/decorate houses so let me know what you need and I would be happy to help!

Have a lovely day- talk to you soon :)

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Experienced Dog / Pet Sitter / Overnight Care (Branford / Shoreline)

I am an experienced dog / pet sitter offering dog walking, cat care, grooming, play time, litter scooping, feedings, giving medications and other services as requested at your home. I also offer overnight care in my home for your business trips and vacations at a rate of \$25 per day. Dogs love coming here so I have many excellent references from many happy steady customers. Please email or call anytime. Christine (203)988-2412.

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\$20 a day in home dog sitting (Milford, CT)

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\$20/night

Dog sizes allowed:

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- Giant

About my home

I am a young adult in a 1400sqft one floor apartment with tons of space to run and play! I have a 30 pound mutt of my own who loves playmates! My boyfriend and I don't feel we want another dog of our own at this time so we thought what better way to give our dog a new...

Recent review (1 total)

Crystal has been around animals her whole life; dogs, cats, geckos, hamsters, birds. She has always...



Interested? Got a question? [Contact me here.](#)

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