

BOARD SAFELY® CHECKLIST

Facility name _____ Date of call/email _____

Spoke with (Name) _____ (Title) _____

☐**1. SEE FOR YOURSELF**

Can you see the kennels and common areas where your animal will be boarded? During your pet's stay, can you check on them remotely via webcam?

☐**2. SOUND THE ALARM**

Does the facility have a written emergency response procedure in the event of fire, power outage, or other disaster? Does the kennel have working fire and carbon monoxide detectors, sprinkler systems, and a back-up power generator?

☐**3. LICENSE, PLEASE**

Does the kennel have a current operating license issued by a local city or town? According to the license, how many animals can be boarded at one time? How many animals are currently housed?

☐**4. IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

Are you contacted if your animal experiences an unexpected medical condition or injury? Is there a veterinarian on staff, or does the facility have a veterinarian on call? Do you sign a waiver giving permission to have your animal treated?

☐**5. TLC**

What is the ratio of staff to animals? Is there 24-hour on-site supervision? If not, are animals monitored by video camera?

☐**6. SOCIAL CIRCLE**

Do dogs play together in common areas? Are these play groups supervised at all times? Are dogs grouped together by size and/or temperament? Can you choose to have your dog not participate in group activities?

☐**7. INFECTION PRECAUTIONS**

Does the facility require up-to-date vaccination records for all boarders? What documentation is required for your pet to be admitted?

☐**8. FELINE FRIENDS**

Does the facility allow cats? Are they separated from the sight and noise of dogs?

☐**9. GET IT IN WRITING**

Will the facility give you written documentation of their procedures or confirmation of any special requests for your pet?

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's Board Safely® campaign encourages pet owners to do their research before leaving their dog or cat in the care of a boarding kennel or daycare facility. When calling or emailing potential facilities, be sure to ask all of the questions on this list and take notes!

MY NOTES