

# [MISS PETIQUETTE]

## PETIQUETTE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Miss Petiquette,

*These past school holidays, my teenage son, Jason was asked to look after the care and feeding of a neighbour's cat and dog.*

*He's a responsible boy and was diligent in collecting their mail and making sure the animals were well taken care of. My neighbours returned from their holiday and surprisingly haven't even offered to pay my son for his troubles, or even give him a gift. Do you think I should say something to them?*

Alison K  
Randwick

Dear Alison,

What a shame these people have overlooked Jason's efforts. He should be thanked with some pocket money or something nice to acknowledge this. Often these sorts of holiday jobs teach young people about responsibility and how hard work is rewarded by appropriate remuneration.

My suggestion would be to enquire whether everything was in order when they returned, and then make a comment along the lines of how diligent Jason was. Stress to them how much care and effort he took. It would probably be at that point that your neighbours would realise their oversight.

If these people neglect to pay Jason or reward him in some meaningful way, I would definitely not allow Jason to help them out again. It doesn't seem very fair does it?

I would also suggest that you reward Jason for his efforts and explain that most people are not so stingy and that he shouldn't lose faith because of their oversight. Looking after someone else's pets is a huge responsibility and Jason's probably saved them hundreds of dollars that would ordinarily be spent at the cattery or kennel. 🐾



Miss Petiquette (not her real name) lives in a cramped urban cottage with her dog and two cockatiels. Her partially blind bunny has since crossed over the rainbow bridge. One pet down, Miss Petiquette has even more time on her hands to answer your questions regarding manners in the modern age for pet lovers. Miss Petiquette is on hand to deal with your perplexing petiquette and personal problems.

Email her at [behaviour@urbananimal.net](mailto:behaviour@urbananimal.net)

# [FURRY FESTIVITIES]

## MELBOURNE

Sunday 9th October

### FRANKSTON PETS DAY OUT

Treat your pet and the whole family to a fun day of free entertainment and giveaways. All pets are welcome and there's even a Cat Crèche where cats can enjoy time out in their dog-free, secure compound. There's free parking and appearance by Dr Harry Cooper too.

Ballam Park, Cranbourne Road, Frankston  
Frankston City Council's Animal Management Team on 1300 322 322.

## GOLD COAST

17th & 18th September

### GOLD COAST PET AND ANIMAL EXPO 2011

This popular community event will showcase all the latest products and innovations in pet and animal care with an exciting program of activities, presentations by renowned animal experts, competitions, exhibits and entertainment.

9:30am to 4:00pm Saturday and Sunday  
Central Park Oval – Varsity Lakes, Central Park Drive, Varsity Lakes  
and Varsity Lakes Sports and Arts Centre ph: (07) 5581 6664

## SYDNEY

Saturday, 15th October

### MEET THE RESCUE DOGS DAY

Come and meet gorgeous dogs who have recently been rescued and rehabilitated and are now ready to move into fun, loving homes. There will be pure bred dogs, as well as cross breeds, all ages, all of whom have been rescued by private, self-funded rescue groups. Meet the team from Goodog positive dog training and go into the draw to win fabulous prizes, such as pet-friendly getaways and doggie accessories.

Dogs who meet their new family on the day come with bonus vouchers for complimentary dog training, a veterinary consultation and day-care.

10:00am onwards  
60 Windbourne Road, Brookvale  
For further information contact Melissa 0439 71 90 70

Sunday, 30th October

### MOSMAN PETS DAY OUT

Always a great day out for the whole family, Mosman Council is again putting on the Pets Day Out as part of their annual festival. There will be stalls, competitions and giveaways. All critters are welcome but commonsense should prevail if you're bringing small pets like cats, mice, ferrets and birds.

10:00am to 3:00pm  
Allan Border Oval,  
Mosman



**MOSMAN PET'S DAY OUT**

SUNDAY 30 OCT 2011  
10.00AM – 3.00PM  
ALLAN BORDER OVAL  
Myahgah Road, Mosman

A great day for pets, their owners & animal lovers

Competitions, Stalls,  
Trick Training, Obedience  
& Agility Demonstrations,  
Australian Wildlife Display

[festivalofmosman.net](http://festivalofmosman.net)  
The Festival of Mosman is a  
Mosman Council Community Event