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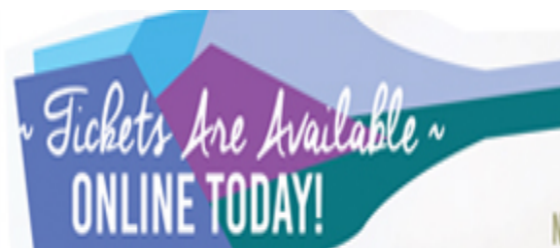
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Get peace of mind while you're away

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Pet owners suffer when vacation time comes around. We want to take a nice trip, but hate the idea of leaving our animal companions behind. The thought of placing them in a kennel gives us chills. Part of our travel is ruined with thoughts of our pets cringing in the back of a cage. Even worse is leaving them alone at home and relying on a neighbor or family member to feed them. Somehow you know they just don't take care of your pets like you do. Well, there is a solution to this. In Morro Bay you can call Judy Abrams Pet Care.

Abrams is an animal person through and through. Visitors to her home are greeted by no less than five cats and two dogs. And Abrams is Executive Producer and Co-Host of Animal Radio with her husband Hal. This is the largest nationally syndicated radio show on animals in the United States.

"I always had animals as a child," Abrams said, "always had cats. I played with kittens instead of dolls, dressing them up in doll clothes and pushing them around in a baby carriage."

When she was a teen her father brought home a female K-9 trained police dog and



Judy's Pet Care Service owner Judy Abrams with one of her dogs. Photo By Ruth Ann Angus

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eventually that dog's son too.

"Those dogs would follow me around town walking behind me," she said, "and they would zigzag back and forth. People would cross the street when they saw us coming."

When Abrams married she got her very own cat. She always thought of her childhood cats as family pets. The cat lived through her first marriage and divorce and passed just at the time she met Hal Abrams. He was a DJ and didn't have animals. The couple married and Hal's jobs took him first to Anchorage, Alaska and then to Virginia.

"Hal had hours that took him away as early as four in the morning," Abrams said. "And then he often didn't get home until after 10 p.m. I needed a companion so I got a cat."

One cat led to another after Hal did a fundraising event, sleeping overnight in a doghouse and finding that the shelter had a sick kitten that was about to be put down. Naturally he took it home. Both of those two cats are still with them, one is 17 years old and the other 15.

A move to California prompted Hal to start Animal Radio while Judy worked as a legal assistant. After a while she worked less days at her job and joined Hal until finally she went full time with him. Living in Morro Bay, Abrams began to meet her neighbors and helped one elderly person with dog walking. Then others asked her to walk their dogs. One thing led to another and she decided to start a pet care business.

Abrams offers daily pet care consisting of two to three visits per day. "I decided not to do overnight service," she explained. "After one time trying it, it took me away from my own pets too much."

Pet care can often be challenging. Many people think their animal is great and well behaved and wouldn't be a problem for anyone else. A lot of times that isn't true. Abrams has found that most dogs are good with her but there have been some that she has had to work with to gain their confidence.

"I was meeting with one owner once and the dog was hiding in the bedroom," she said. "All of a sudden the dog came charging out of the room and ran up to me and bit my ankle. The owner thought I wouldn't take the job, but I did. I spent time with it and lured it with treats. After three days he was sitting in my lap."

Some cats that she visits are never seen, but she goes with a flashlight to look for them. She makes sure they are eating and drinking and that the litter box is cleaned. Pet owners can feel secure about Abrams

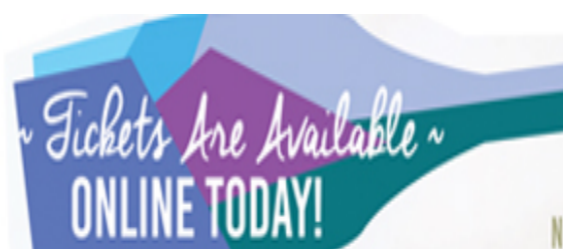
because she holds a Morro Bay business license and carries insurance. She will take care of your pet the way you want it to be cared for and according to the animal's time schedule. She also will bring in your

mail, turn lights on and off, put out the trash, water plants, and bring in the mail and newspaper. She also has the advantage, through the radio program, for advice from a vet if needed.

Right now Abrams does pet care in Morro Bay and Cayucos. You can learn more about her services at judypetcare.com.



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