

# HomeTimes

America's Choice In Home Care

Your resource for an at home senior lifestyle.



## Professional Home Care Can Help Seniors With Pets

Pets have an extremely positive impact on the health and wellness of seniors. One of the benefits is elderly companionship, which helps to reduce feelings of social isolation, loneliness, depression, and cognitive decline. Pets also help seniors stay active and give them an added purpose in life.



However, certain physical or health limitations can make pet ownership difficult.

Professional senior care services can help by keeping older adults safe and comfortable at home while helping them tend to their furry friends.

### Getting Help at Home with Pet Ownership

Seniors may develop health, cognitive, or mobility issues that make it challenging—or even unsafe—to look after a pet on their own. Because most living assistance facilities prohibit animals, a senior may have to painfully say goodbye to their four-legged buddy if moving to a nursing home.

Home care services from Visiting Angels can be a better alternative.

Visiting Angels provides a variety of resources tailored for seniors who own pets, helping them to maintain a joyful and fulfilling life with their furry companions:

#### Pet Care Support

A Visiting Angels caregiver will help your loved one with daily pet responsibilities, such as providing food, water, and medication. A caregiver can assist with scheduling vet appointments, finding a mobile groomer, setting up automatic pet food deliveries, or hiring a neighborhood dog walker.

#### Transportation Assistance

Just like humans, pets need medical care, food, and supplies. If your senior is unable to drive, a Visiting Angels caregiver can provide transportation to vet appointments and pet stores and assist with shopping.

#### Hazard and Safety Monitoring

Although pets can be loving companions, they can sometimes cause unsafe situations. For example, a pet's food bowl or toys in the middle of the kitchen floor could create a tripping hazard. A senior with mobility issues who attempts to walk a large dog alone could get hurt. Additionally, pet messes that aren't cleaned up properly could cause a health hazard. Having a caregiver in the home can ensure your loved one's pet isn't becoming too much to manage.

### Visiting Angels Assists Seniors With Pet Care

In-home caregivers can make it possible for aging adults to enjoy the benefits of pet ownership by providing much-needed support to overcome age-related challenges.

To learn more about how Visiting Angels can provide seniors with personal home care and pet care assistance, contact your local Visiting Angels agency today at **800-365-4189**.



# What Are Qualities of a Visiting Angels Caregiver?

If you want to hire the best personal caregiver for a loved one, you need a trusted home care professional who provides dedicated service with competence, kindness, and compassion.

Look no further than Visiting Angels.

As a national-leading provider of non-medical home care, Visiting Angels takes a “character-first” approach to hiring caregivers, ensuring the highest quality at-home assistance for older adults through a comprehensive vetting and background check process.

## Characteristics of Professional Caregivers

During the interview process, each candidate’s desire to pursue a meaningful career as a professional in-home caregiver is assessed.

Visiting Angels seeks the following qualities in caregivers:

### Compassion

Caregivers need to focus on enhancing the physical, emotional, and social well-being of clients. Visiting Angels employs respectful and compassionate caregivers who share this belief and are committed to caring for the “whole person”—just as they would for a cherished member of their own family.

### Community-Minded

Visiting Angels looks for caregivers who are engaged in their communities and enjoy contributing to their neighbors’ welfare. Through innovative collaborations with faith-based organizations, charities, and other groups, Visiting Angels identifies candidates who gain a sense of fulfillment from serving others.

### Integrity

Caregivers should conduct themselves professionally with honesty, trustworthiness, and integrity. Potential caregivers undergo a rigorous background check to ensure they will be the right fit to oversee a client’s safety, security, and comfort.

### Energy

Visiting Angels hires cheerful, engaging caregivers who bring joy to the lives of older adults. Their positive attitudes and energetic personalities help forge strong, lasting relationships with clients.

### Passion

Professional caregivers need to enjoy and value the interaction they have with clients and their families. Their passion for caregiving should be rooted in love, duty, and a commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of their clients.

### Hands-On

Our caregivers support clients’ dignity, identity, and independence, assisting older adults with dressing, bathing, toileting, eating, and personal care tasks with professionalism and kindness.

## Dedication and Compassion in Home Care

Visiting Angels has been recruiting, training, and hiring personal care professionals for more than 25 years. Team members understand how important it is to hire professionals who possess the integrity and character required to deliver the high-quality care you expect.

Contact your local Visiting Angels agency at **800-365-4189** to get started with a free home care consultation, where you can learn more about personalized care options for you or your loved ones.