

## France

Reference; Mark & Jeannie

Dear house and pet owner,

We left our house and our beloved dog in the capable hands of Mark and Jeannie from February 2009-August 2009.

All contact with Mark and Jeannie was professional and friendly. Prior to their engagement we were able to discuss all aspects of our contract with ease. While we were away they kept in regularly contact, informing us of the wellbeing of our dog as well as discussing any house issues. They dealt with arising difficulties quickly and competently. The final handover of the house was very smooth. I appreciated the proficient manner that Mark and Jeannie completed the contract settling outstanding bills without any embarrassment.

Mark and Jeannie developed a loving relationship almost immediately with our dog and we felt confident to leave her with them. They even mastered the set French dog commands to communicate with her. Finding someone to dog sit was more important for us than the house sitting so it was lovely to find a couple who really enjoyed discovering the region and who were willing to maintain the long and regular walks that our dog is used to. They also respected the vet recalls so we can continue to cross the channel with our dog.

We chose Mark and Jeannie because they were like minded travellers who share a concern for the environment. Along with the usual responsibilities we were asking them to take care of our home over the hard winter months in the mountains, which meant taking care of our newly installed solar/wood heating system. As we aim at being self sufficient they also agree to take care of our kitchen garden as spring arrived. This meant we had a supply of organic vegetables when we returned which was fantastic and more than we hoped.

It was obvious to us that Mark and Jeannie enjoyed taking care of our dog and garden, and maybe even the constant wood carrying required for the heating system and wood oven. It was also lovely that they were able to enjoy this less well known area of France.

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