

Endorsement of Barbara S. as House Manager

Barbara S's attention to detail and her ability to multi-task are second to none. She stayed at my home in Atlanta and took care of my Springer Spaniel for two weeks while I was out of the country, and I spent not one moment worried about Winston or about the house.

Because she is not a *dog walker*, per se, but rather a *house manager*, she was not distracted by a schedule full of other dog appointments. Rather, she spent plenty of time walking Winston and keeping him company. She left the house in spotless condition – with clean guest bed and bath linens, tidy kitchen counters and bathroom, and cut flowers in the dining room, expertly arranged in my favorite vase.

Barbara also adroitly handled an unforeseen issue after a tree in my yard lost a limb and crashed onto the driveway. I was not reachable by phone (even if I had been, she probably would have taken the initiative to handle it herself rather than worry me). She simply knew what had to be done and saw that it *was* done: she called one of my neighbors for a referral to a contractor, made the appointment to have the limb removed, and stayed in the house half the day while the guy cut it up and removed it.

She is also excellent at decluttering and home organization projects, as well as helping to plan for estate sales. I used her for these services during my downsizing move from Atlanta to Washington, D.C. She routinely displayed a calm, cool and collected manner throughout several chaotic days of tight schedules, looming deadlines, and my near-hysteria.