



# modern manners

Petiquette Questions Answered

Dear Ms P,

*I have a friend who kindly house and dog sits when I'm away. Work routinely takes me away on business trips for up to three weeks at a time. She's always there to look after my dog and looks after my apartment really well even at times when there is little notice.*

*Although I really appreciate the care taken of the apartment, I do notice that things are missing when I return. There's nothing of any major value, just glasses and the odd plate. I think that she might be accidentally breaking these things but I can't be sure. How do you think I should bring this up with her without her feeling bad. She's always there to help and I would hate for her to think I was ungrateful.*

Sarah S.  
Strathmore

Dear Sarah,

I used to look after my Aunty's house and accidentally knocked over her Lladro Nun Feeding Pigeons figurine. The Nun was broken in many places and I felt bad. I was faced with sitting down and trying to fix it with super glue or fess up to the breakage. I certainly couldn't afford to buy a replacement Nun. So I left the broken figurine with a card telling her how sorry I was.

Your situation is a little different but what I would suggest you briefly let her know that if anything breaks then leave to the side on the kitchen bench so you can replace when you get back. I wouldn't make a big deal of it, after all, she is being a good friend and kind to look after your doggie and home.

I would also suggest you put away the good china, Lladro figurines, Swarovski crystal and anything else of value that is breakable.

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)



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