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HOUSE SITTING CHEAT SHEET



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TO ACE YOUR FIRST HOUSE SIT

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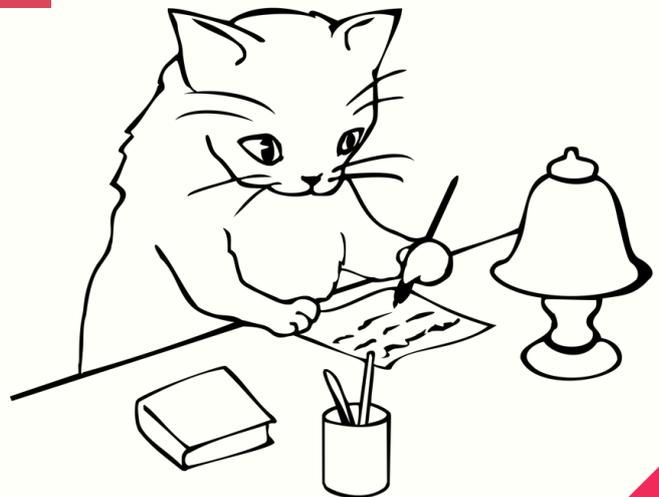
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Your first house sit can be a scary experience. An unfamiliar house, new pets and a brand new area. it can be overwhelming to keep on top of everything..

Over the last few years, we have successfully house sat dozens of houses. Over that time we have acquired many tips and tricks that will help anyone new to house sitting.

This guide will help any first-time sitter complete their first house sit with flying colours and you will have a fantastic review



How To Prepare For The Home Owners Departure

It's the business end of your house sit. You have put in all the hard yards and locked one in. You arrive nervous yet excited. It's hard to remember everything that you need to know about the house, the pets and the local area.

Remember the last thing that you (and the homeowner) want is for you to ring them and ask what day the rubbish bins go out or what temperature the cat usually has its milk before bed.

Here is a list of essential things that you must get from the homeowner

1. The Emergency Contacts

You need a detailed list of names, numbers and addresses for the following people.

- The local vet
- Any dog walkers, groomers and local pet shops
- Who has a spare key to the house
- The local fire brigade (Both emergency and local station number)
- The local police (Both emergency and local station number)

2. Trip Itinerary

In case something goes really pear shaped you want to know where the homeowner is going to be at all times. You should get the details for:

- Their hotels
- Flight details / airline
- The homeowners preferred communication method and how often they would like to be contacted.
- Any other information about their trip that might come in handy

3. The Animals

The most important thing about pet sitting for most home owners is the animals. Make sure you get as much information about the animals as possible. We recommend asking the following questions

- Sleeping patters and location
- Feeding schedule
- Favourite toys, treats and snacks
- Allergies as well as whatthey don't like.
- Pet friendly zones around the house and property
- Any other animals nearby they do or don't get on with
- Walking schedule
- Any medication required
- Any quirks or behaviours that are or aren't normal

4. The House

Whilst the pets are usually the number one priority for most homeowners, it is very important to remember that you are also looking after their home and most of their possessions. Ensure you get information on the following

- The water and power mains
- All door locks, keys, security codes
- Ask and get a thorough rundown on how the TV and any other accessories work
- Plants that need watering and maintaining
- The Wifi password, provider & contact details
- A rundown on all vehicles, parking and how the garage works
- Any instructions for maintenance and cleaning of outdoor furniture, pools & hot tubs-
- Rubbish collection day and time

Tips For During The House Sit

The main things to remember while looking after someone's pets and home is to keep everything running on a smooth schedule that the house and pets are normally on. Some things to remember are:

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- Keep the pets feeding and exercise schedule as close to normal as you can
- Remember to have the rubbish collected as normal
- Collect all mail and parcels and keep in a safe place
- Keep the house clean and tidy, it will be much easier to prepare for the homeowner's arrival if the home is already clean
- Meet the neighbours and make sure they are aware that you are house sitting the house
- If agreed on, keep on top of lawns, and any outdoor maintenance



How To Prepare For The Home Owners Return

Before you start to prepare the house for the arrival of the homeowners, it is best to confirm the homeowner's arrival time.

We firmly believe in creating a clean, cosy & welcoming environment for the homeowners. We always strive to leave the house in the better condition than when we received it. This ensures that the family can come home unpack, relax and catch up on some quality time with their little furry friends.

Kitchen

- Remove any personal items
- Make sure all appliances, cutlery and dishes are back in their original spots
- Clean all counter tops, microwave, oven, cupboards, etc)
- Replace any basics such as bread, coffee, eggs, milk etc



Bedroom

- Remove and wash all used bedding
- Prepare the bedroom as it was originally with fresh bedding
- Vacuum bedroom thoroughly

Bathrooms

- Remove all personal toiletries
- Thoroughly clean shower toilet & basin
- Replace any soaps or cleaning products used
- Wash all towels and hand towels used

The Pets

- Wash and groom all pets
- Wash all pets bedding and towels
- Wash all pet food bowls, litter boxes, tanks and kennels
- Restock pet food



Grandma's Special Herbs & Outdoor Areas

- Mow the lawns and remove all leaves from patios/ grass areas
- Pick up any pet droppings
- Generally, tidy up any garden/ patio areas
- Collect all mail from the mailbox

Miscellaneous

- Complete any special jobs you have agreed to with the homeowner
- Do one last final sweep through the house and make sure everything is perfect for the homeowners arrival
- If agreed on, have dinner/ lunch ready for the homeowners arrival
- Dust, mop, sweep and vacuum all surfaces in the house

Brownie Points

- Have the homeowners favourite beer/ wine ready
- Bake some cookies or a slice for the owners arrival
- A thank you card and small gift
- If its cold, light the fire or have the heating set

**Finally, Enjoy Your House
Sit!**

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