

# THE TRAVELLING HOUSE SITTERS



## Interview Questions To Ask A Potential Pet Sitter

### Background and Experience

1. Can you provide references from previous pet sitting jobs?
2. What types of pets have you cared for, and do you have experience with my specific breed(s)?
3. How long have you been pet sitting, and what made you start?
4. Have you dealt with any behavioral or health issues in pets? Can you give examples?
5. Are you comfortable administering medication or caring for pets with special needs?

### Trust and Safety

1. Can you provide a current criminal record check?
2. What measures do you take to ensure the safety and security of the home and pets?
3. How do you handle emergencies involving pets or the home?

### Philosophy and Approach

1. What do you enjoy most about pet sitting?
2. How would you describe your pet care philosophy?
3. How do you ensure that the pet feels comfortable and secure in your care?

### Daily Routine and Interaction

1. How often will you be at my house during your stay?
2. Can you describe a typical day in your routine with pets?
3. How do you handle playtime, walks, and exercise for pets?

### Communication

1. How often can I expect updates while I'm away?
2. What method do you prefer for communication (text, email, phone)?
3. Are you comfortable sending photos or videos of my pets while I'm away?

### Specific Needs and Skills

1. Do you have any relevant certifications or training (e.g., pet first aid, dog training)?
2. Are you comfortable caring for plants or maintaining the garden if needed?
3. How do you manage pets with different personalities or energy levels?

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### General Experience

1. Have you ever had to deal with a pet emergency? What happened, and how did you handle it?
2. Are you familiar with any specific training techniques or behavior management strategies?

### Handling Specific Situations

1. How would you handle a pet that is anxious or has separation anxiety?
2. What would you do if a pet refuses to eat or drink while you're away?

### Transportation and Logistics

1. Do you have reliable transportation in case of an emergency or vet visit?
2. Are you comfortable taking my pet to appointments or the groomer if needed?

### Policies and Boundaries

1. What is your policy on pet playdates or visits from friends while you're sitting?
2. How do you handle situations where a pet might get sick or injured?

### Personalization and Attention

1. How do you tailor your care to meet the individual needs of different pets?
2. Can you provide enrichment activities for my pets while I'm away?

### Availability and Commitment

1. Are you available for last-minute bookings if necessary?
2. How far in advance do you prefer to be contacted for bookings?

### Understanding Expectations

1. What are your expectations from me as a pet owner?
2. How do you prefer to receive instructions regarding feeding, walking, and other care routines?