

POTENTIAL PET SITTER INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Hiring a pet sitter to take care of your companion animals while you're away can help them feel secure in their own environment. Try using these interview questions, prepared for you from Pets in the City Magazine (www.PetsInTheCityMagazine.com), to help you find the right sitter for your needs.

BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

1. What is your background in pet sitting?
2. Describe your experience pet sitting.
3. Can you provide me with a list of references?
4. Are you a member of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters?

LIABILITY AND SECURITY

5. Are you licensed, bonded and insured? Can you provide me with proof of each?
6. What does your insurance cover?
7. Do you run background checks on your staff?
8. How do you keep my personal information secure?
9. How do you keep my keys secure?

VISIT DETAILS

10. How many times a day will you visit my pet?
11. Describe a routine visit with my pet.
12. How do you care for my home while I am gone?
13. What forms of medication are you able to administer?
14. What are your plans for dealing with inclement weather?
15. What are your procedures for dealing with pet emergencies?
16. Who will be coming with you when you visit my pet?
17. Will you bring my pet outside of my home for any portion of your visit? My neighborhood?

RATES AND FEES

18. What are your rates for a visit?
19. What tasks are included in that rate?
20. What tasks are extra?
21. Do you draw up an agreement or contract outlining services prior to my leaving?
22. What payment methods do you accept?

Read tips for choosing the right pet sitter in the July 2013 issue of Pets in the City Magazine at PetsInTheCityMagazine.com. And to find a qualified pet sitter near you, visit PetSitters.org.