CHECKLIST FOR HIRING A PET SITTER OR DOG WALKER

When you hire a pet sitter or dog walker you want to make sure you fully check out the business and understand their services. Knowing what questions to ask is half the battle!

ARE THEY A PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS OWNER?

Check to see if they are licensed if you area requires it. Is this a full time company? You want to be sure you are the priority.

IS THE BUSINESS INSURED AND BONDED?

Professionals will have insurance to protect you and the company in the event that something happens while they are caring for your pets.

DOES THE BUSINESS HAVE AN ONLINE PRESENCE?

If the pet sitter is posting online regularly it is easy to see the values of the company and their culture. You can also check out reviews to see what other people are saying.

WHAT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DO THEY HAVE IN PLACE?

Knowing the pet sitter's policies will let you know how well they have planned in advance. What happens if your sitter is sick? What happens if you cancel?

WHO ARE THEIR SITTERS?

Knowing if their sitters have experience and how they are screened is important to know if they are truly professional. Have they been background checked?

WHAT DO YOUR PET SITTING VISITS INCLUDE?

Are they a set time or just as long as it takes? Will they do extra tasks like bring in the mail and water plants?

HOW WILL YOUR INFORMATION BE STORED?

There are a lot of details that go into proper pet sitting including alarm and door codes. Is it on a secure computer system or paperwork that can be lost? How do they store your keys?

HOW WILL YOU KNOW YOUR PETS ARE SAFE?

You want to have peace of mind while you are gone. Will your sitter send you regular updates? Who else can you contact in an emergency?

Make sure you hire a professional that you are 100% comfortable with. Take a look at our resources for more details on how pet sitting insurance works, how keys can be stored and more! WetNosesPetSitting.com/FAQ

