



Interview Questions for the Homeowner to Ask

If the house sitter has done a good job with their profile, the number of questions decreases, and the interview process is more about getting to know the candidates.

The answers homeowners need from prospective house sitters come down to the following:

- Why do you want to house sit and why here?
- What can you do for me? (Do your skills match my requirements?)
- What kind of person are you (your personality, your values)?
- What distinguishes you from all the other applicants?
- Will you be happy during the assignment, for example would living on a small island or in an isolated area be an issue for you?

To get the answers to these questions you might want to take the following approach during the Zoom/WhatsApp interview and ask:

- How long have you been house-sitting?
- Why did you get into house-sitting?
- What interests you about this particular house sit?
- Are you available for the entire duration of the sit?
- Do you speak the local language?
- What services do you provide (a good segue into discussing what your requirements are)?
- What makes you our ideal sitter?
- What experience do you have with _____ (pets or animals)?

Ask them to elaborate about something you saw on their profile or ask them to tell you something about them. This is a great opportunity to see if you share any commonalities.

If everything else checks out ask two more questions.

- What would happen if you had a family emergency during the assignment?
- What questions do you have for me?

Questions to ask the house sitter's referees

- How long have you known _____ and _____?
- What duties did they perform while sitting for you?
- How did the pets get along with the sitter did they bond with them?
- Was the home in good condition when you returned?
- Were there any surprises, both good and not so good?
- Were the sitters professional and easy to work with?
- Would you ask them to housesit for you again?