

CHECKLIST – Questions you may be asked by a home owner in an interview

About you

- Why did you choose to become a house sitter?
- What qualities do you have that make you a good housesitter?
- Why are you attracted to this position?
- Tell us about a great house sitting experience you've had?
- Talk us through a problem that you've solved on a house sitting assignment.
- What do you enjoy about this type of work?
- How many years of experience do you have with house sitting?
- What do you find the most challenging/interesting part of house sitting?
- Do you have any pet allergies?
- Are you willing to care for a home with a dog and/or cat?
- Are you willing to work in a home of a smoker?
- What can you do to make a house look lived in?
 - picking up flyers and papers
 - shovelling snow if needed
 - cutting/watering the grass if necessary
 - opening and shutting the drapes/blinds
 - turning inside and outside lights off and on

Skills of house sitter

- Are you willing to collect mail?
- Do you feel competent to manage the heating system in the home?
- Are you willing to regularly check that major appliances are working properly?
- Would you be willing to water the plants inside and outside?
- What would you do in the case of a power outage / power cut?
- Do you know how to shut off the water in a house in case of emergency?
- Are you familiar with managing an air-conditioning system?
- Do you know how to manage a septic tank?
- Do you have experience of off-grid property maintenance?
- Have you ever maintained an outdoor pool?
- Would you be willing to clean and maintain a pool?