

# The First-Time Pet Sitter Checklist

Before your first appointment, pause and make sure you're set up to care for pets safely. You can find all the details about getting started in our guide to [How to Become a Pet Sitter](#).

## What to Bring to a Pet Sitting Appointment

- Doggy poop bags
- Pet toys
- A collapsible water bowl
- An extra leash
- Pet owner's instructions
- Enzyme spray and pet wipes

*Always clear any cleaning supplies, treats, or food with the pet parent first.*

## Details & Instructions You Need From the Pet Parent

- **The pet's daily routine**  
Feeding times and amounts, walks, playtime, and any quirks or preferences
- **A pet health and behavior history**  
Meds and instructions, allergies or health conditions, [bite history](#) for dogs
- **House rules and care instructions**  
Rules about home or pet care
- **Contact information**  
Phone numbers and addresses for the client, their vet, and an emergency contact
- **A way to get in and lock up**  
Key location, door codes, alarm information
- **Boundaries around what's included**  
Signed [pet service agreement](#) with visit length, services, and prices in writing

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