

Pet-Sitting Research: An Overview

Interview with Jessica

- Cats in theory are less work, but they have very specific, important needs.
- Whether a pet sitter is just dropping in can determine how many times a cat gets wet food or dry food, how often they get their medicines, get their teeth cleaned, etc.
- \$80 normally for a week's worth of pet sitting
- To exercise a cat, one can either use toys to simulate hunting, or tall towers.
- Jessica typically looked in a pet sitter someone who liked cats, who had a familiarity with them, and in one specific case, who of her friends needed the money the most.

Interview with Mia

- When her family chose a doggy daycare to have their pet stay at while they went on vacation, they choose based on price, reviews, and whether or not the dog would be comfortable physically and emotionally.

Pet-sitting Google Form (19 Responses)

- Experience and Frequent Updates were commonly listed as the most important factors in determining a pet-sitter
- People's main concerns for their pets were: 1) Entertainment, 2) Exercise, 3) Food.
- One person wrote in "separation anxiety" as a concern.
- "It also matters that the dogs get along with the person, and that they aren't dismissive of distress signs."