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## 15 Critical Questions to Ask a Pet Sitter

*From Your Vet-Informed Friends at Off Road Paws*

### Foundational Questions for Any Pet Care Provider

- 1 What is your experience caring for dogs similar to mine?
- 2 Can you provide references from recent clients?
- 3 Are you bonded and insured?
- 4 What training or certifications do you or your staff have?

### Understanding Emergency Protocols

- 5 What is your procedure for a medical emergency, and which vet clinic do you use?
- 6 How do you handle behavioral issues like separation anxiety?
- 7 Do you require up-to-date vaccinations for all pets?

### Questions for Boarding Facilities

- 8 Can I tour the facility, including all sleeping and play areas?
- 9 What are your cleaning and sanitation protocols?
- 10 Are dogs separated by size or temperament during playtime?
- 11 How much time do dogs spend in their kennels versus play areas?

### Questions for In-Home Pet Sitters

- 12 What does a typical day of care look like?
- 13 If you are staying in my home, will my dog be left alone, and for how long?
- 14 How do you keep clients updated on their pets?
- 15 Will you be caring for any other pets at the same time?

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