



Long Eaton Pet Sitters – Dog Walker/Pet Sitter Opportunities

Flexible, part-time hours plus occasional cover for other team members' holidays/sickness.

Long Eaton Pet Sitters is the largest pet sitting and dog walking company in the area, and was established in 2008 as part of the GB Pet Sitters Group. We cover the NG10, NG9 and DE72 areas and to be considered, you must reside within the NG10 area so you can easily travel to each appointment.

We do all the advertising, handle the enquiries and then pass the work to you. You are an independent contractor for Long Eaton Pet Sitters (not an employee), and will be paid 80% of the fee we charge our clients. For our current pricing information please visit our website www.longeatonpetsitters.co.uk and you will find the prices for the different services on each page.

General Information Dog Walking and Pet Sitting is a very enjoyable career for those who love animals. The hours are flexible, so can fit around other commitments. However you will be expected to work in the wind, rain, and snow as well as on the nice sunny days – please keep this in mind!

Hours of work The hours for this role are part-time, with the busiest days being Monday-Friday, and the majority of dog walking taking place between 10am and 3pm. However, we would prefer someone who is occasionally able to work outside these hours, and at weekends, especially during school holidays. You will also be required to help cover other dog walkers holidays and days off due to illness.

It is likely that we will give you a few clients to begin with, and then gradually build up as you become more experienced and able to cope with more walking.

What does it mean to be self-employed?

- You will be responsible for your own income tax (see www.hmrc.gov.uk for more information), national insurance and record-keeping.
- If you are not able to work due to illness, injury or you are away on holiday you will not earn any income.

Will I need a car? Yes – you will need access to a car or van which is suitable for transporting at least two large dogs, and a clean UK driving licence. Your fuel and any vehicle-related expenses are your responsibility and will need to be taken into account.

Background checks You need to be 21 years or over, and you will need to obtain a Police Subject Access check from your local Police Authority before you start. This currently costs £10 and gives all our clients peace of mind that you do not have a criminal record as you will have access to their home and pets whilst they are not there.

What experience do I need? We are looking for people who have experience of working with or owning dogs, cats and small domestic animals. You must be confident in handling large and small dogs and whilst training will be given, you will be required to demonstrate your ability.

We sometimes walk two or three dogs together but this depends on the location and temperament of each dog. We do not take large groups out together – for our own safety and that of the dogs we look after.

We require you to have good written and spoken English, and a qualification in Animal Care is desirable. You should be experienced in customer care and be confident talking to people and managing unexpected situations which may occur.

You will need to meet the client and their pet beforehand, take the details of the assignment, collect keys and then communicate with them regularly to update them on the welfare of their pet. You will therefore need a mobile phone and be confident at sending text messages.

How do I apply? Please complete the Application Form and send it to us together with your CV detailing your previous work experience and a covering letter highlighting your experience and suitability.

If you have any queries or questions not answered above, please call us on 07825 002180 or email info@longeatonpetsitters.co.uk

Thank you for your interest in joining our team!

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