

# HOUSE / PET SITTING AGREEMENT



**BETWEEN** (together referred to as “the Parties”):

“the Homeowner(s)”

And

House & Pet Sitters (“the Sitters”)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark & Maria Atkins

For the **premises** situated at (“the Premises”): \_\_\_\_\_

## Terms of the Agreement

1. The Homeowner(s) give(s) the Sitters licence to enter and occupy the Premises from \_\_\_\_\_ (“Start Date”) and until \_\_\_\_\_ (“End date”). Total duration: \_\_\_\_\_ Days (“Duration”).  
*(please use DD/MM/YYYY format, or 15/JAN/2014)*
2. The Sitters agree to enter the Premises on the Start Date, to live in and occupy the Premises for the Duration of this Agreement, and to vacate the Premises on the End Date, unless otherwise agreed.
3. The Homeowner(s) agree(s) to allow the Sitters to occupy the Premises, free of charge, for the Duration of this Agreement, in return for the care of the Premises and pets (if applicable) by the Sitters as per the attached Schedule.
4. The Sitters agree to take all reasonable steps in relation to the security and care of the Premises and pets, and to leave the Premises in a similar state of cleanliness and repair to that applying on the Start Date.
5. The Homeowner(s) agree(s) to leave sufficient food/medicines for their pets, and to ensure they have an arrangement in place with a veterinary clinic so that the Sitters do not find themselves with the responsibility of covering unexpected bills. Should the Sitters cover any bills in an emergency, the Homeowner(s) agree(s) to reimburse the Sitters in full.
6. The Homeowner(s) agree(s) to leave enough cash with the Sitters to cover any expected costs relating to the upkeep of the Premises and/or pet care, such as gardener’s fees, or to purchase perishable food for the pets. The Sitters agree to supply the Homeowner(s) with receipts for said expenses.
7. The Sitters take their responsibilities very seriously and ask that the Homeowner(s) be totally forthcoming in their expectations and to disclose all relevant information in the attached Schedule, so that the Sitters can make an informed decision regarding their suitability / ability to meet the Homeowners’ needs. Whilst the Sitters agree to meet their obligations to the Homeowner(s) for the Duration of the sit and as agreed upon under the terms of this Agreement, the Homeowner understands that the Sitters can terminate this Agreement at any time in extreme circumstances such as:
  - a. The Sitters find their health, personal safety or work commitments seriously compromised, for example due to unhygienic living conditions, an aggressive pet, a dangerous neighbourhood or consistent lack of internet connection.
  - b. The Sitters are asked to perform duties that greatly differ from those covered by this Agreement.
  - c. Serious personal circumstances force the Sitters to abandon the assignment, such as a family tragedy, or personal illness. In this instance, the Sitters will do everything in their power to help the Homeowners find substitute sitters.
8. This Agreement may be extended or modified by mutual agreement of the Parties, communicated in writing.
9. Nothing in this Agreement absolves the Parties from their statutory and common law duties and responsibilities, nor abrogates their legal privileges, rights and remedies in respect of the subject matter of this Agreement.

**Signed:**

The Homeowner(s)

The Sitters

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Date signed:

\_\_\_\_\_

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## Schedule

We take our responsibilities very seriously and would rather not commit to an assignment if we feel we are not the right fit for you. Therefore we'd like to ask that you complete this Schedule as thoroughly as possible. Please do feel free to use extra pages if needed, or if you already have a similar document prepared, please write "refer to separate written instructions" (or similar) below.

### Caring for your Home & Garden

We have high standards of hygiene and general tidiness and will make sure your home is looked after well. If there are any special instructions you'd like to give us, please list them here:

### Caring for your Pets

Please cross the following sections out if there are no pets to look after.

Type of Pet	Name	Age	Favourite Treat	Favourite Toy	Any health issues?

Please list anything you can think of that will help us take the best possible care of your pets:

Examples of things you might like to include:

How often to feed / treat them

Bad habits to discourage

Medication

Prohibited foods

Other personality traits

General "dos" and "don'ts", etc

Is any pet likely to bite, scratch, etc? If so, please explain how to avoid upsetting them and possibly being injured ourselves.

How long can the pet(s) be left alone for on any given day?

Do any of the duties above (home & pets) require 2 people, or could they all be performed by any one of us unaided? Do any require special skills, or an above average level of fitness / strength?

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## Miscellaneous

Will we be able to make use of a second bedroom? (useful if one of us becomes ill, or needs to work late) **YES / NO**

Will there a vehicle available? **YES / NO**. If yes, are there any conditions attached to its use? (such as excess in case of accident)

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Will anyone call round during your absence? (*This is just so we know they are expected and allowed on the Premises*)

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Are there any "house quirks" to be aware of?

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We write a personal blog & have a [Facebook page](#) where we share stories and photos. Above all, **we value our hosts' privacy** and do not share images of valuables nor information that identifies the property or location to others. Keeping this common sense approach in mind, do we have your permission to share pictures of your home (i.e. us relaxing in the garden or cooking a meal) and/or pets?

Yes     No     With the following conditions:

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## Staying in touch with you

Hopefully we won't need to contact you for any emergencies, but we understand you'll want us to stay in touch with you and let you know that everything is well. What is the best way to communicate with you, and how often would you like to hear from us?

By email: \_\_\_\_\_ Skype/Facetime: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (viber, whatsapp, etc)

How often during your absence?  daily     every \_\_\_\_\_ days     when needed / to share something interesting

## Other Emergency Contacts

Name / Relationship (i.e. brother)	Contact Details (phone and/ or email)	Type of Emergency (i.e. vet)
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

## Personal Requests from us

As we both work from our laptops, having a good internet connection is a must for us. Can you please let us know the following:

**Monthly allowance in GB**                      **Please go to [www.speedtest.net](http://www.speedtest.net), click on "begin test" and send us the results for:**  
Unlimited or \_\_\_\_\_ GB                      Ping \_\_\_\_\_ Upload Speed \_\_\_\_\_ Download Speed \_\_\_\_\_

Having a reasonably quiet place to work and relax in is important for us. Whilst a certain amount of street noise is to be expected, particularly in urban areas, can you please let us know of any **loud** and/or **persistent** noise, or disturbances occurring at unsociable hours that might interfere with our sleep or concentration. This is particularly important for assignments over 2 weeks:

- YES     NO     SOMETIMES    Loud noise/music from neighbours or nearby public establishments
- YES     NO     SOMETIMES    Train station or airport / low flying aircraft
- YES     NO     SOMETIMES    Heavy traffic, particularly during late/early hours, i.e. motorway
- YES     NO     SOMETIMES    Building site / Construction work / Factory etc
- YES     NO     SOMETIMES    Barking Dogs (longer than a few minutes) / Cockerels / Other
- YES     NO     SOMETIMES    Miscellaneous such as Church bells / Sports grounds / Schools / Other

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Any other comments or instructions?