

Meet Our Pet Sitters

Get to know our members! The PSI Member Spotlight introduces you to the proud, pet-care professionals that comprise the ranks of our membership. This is a fun and friendly peek into the personalities of our featured members.

This week's pet sitter is ...

Jennifer Hatton **[the critter sitter] pet care services** **Downingtown, PA**

Years as a Professional Pet Sitter: Although I was raised with critters since birth and have done a bit of pet sitting over the years, I am new to professional pet sitting and will mark my second year on May 22, 2009.

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Likes: Spending time with my son, family and our assorted critters, Penn State football, experimenting in the kitchen and getting involved in the community.

Favorite Color: Navy blue

Favorite Food: Italian and quite possibly everything that is not good for you. Thank goodness I walk dogs for a living.

Favorite Movie: I have several, but perhaps one of my most favorite is Remember the Titans because of the powerful story and message.

Favorite Song: I'm a bit of a music junkie, so it would be too difficult for me to choose just one.

"Tricks of the Trade:" Have a sense of humor and expect the unexpected. Keeping a positive and creative mindset can never hurt.

Favorite Dog Name: Reagan (as in the late President Ronald Reagan)

Favorite Cat Name: MaryKate (Maureen O'Hara's character in The Quiet Man)

Favorite "Alternative" Pets: I have a soft spot for bunnies and guinea pigs.

Favorite "Downtime" Activity: Experimenting in the kitchen. I haven't had to call Poison Control or 911 just yet.

Best Pet-Sitting Experience: I am currently sitting a standard poodle for a friend of mine. She is a bit of a goofball and I never know what to expect when I come to visit her. She is a dear sweet pup who likes to bounce around and can be very excitable but when she curls up with you and wants her belly rubbed, it just reminds me that I may very well have the best job in the world! (And I do!)

What accomplishment are you most proud of: No matter what I do in life, I will always be a mom first and foremost. I am very proud of my son and all that he does. Starting my own pet sitting business enables me to be a hands-on mom and have the flexibility to be there for all of his "firsts" in life.

What kind of car would you drive if money were not an object? A VW Beetle because my parents had one when I was a little girl and I had so many happy memories of time spent in our VW Bug.

What is your "Dream Vacation?" I would love to drive up the east coast to Maine, taking time to stop and explore the little towns along the coast. I love learning about history, culture and cuisine. Finding random and unique spots along the way, ones that tell a story about something of that area, are worth wandering a little off the beaten path for.

What does your PSI Membership mean to you? I am proud to be a new PSI Member and hope to take advantage of all that it has to offer. Additionally, I feel blessed to be among the ranks of some of the best pet care professionals around. While in the 'research phase,' I learned a great deal by reading 'Pet Sitting for Profit' and speaking with professional pet sitters across the country. I am thankful for all of the help that I have received so far and hope that someday I will be in the position to extend help to someone else who has the same goals, dreams and visions that I do as a 'newbie' to pet sitting.

Finish this sentence: "If I hadn't become a pet sitter, I never would have..." Ask me this question about a year from now and I am sure I will have some form of an adventure to tell you about!

Favorite quote: *"We must never lose that sense of adventure, that thirst for knowledge or that determination to explore the outer limits of our own abilities."* - Ronald Reagan