

Homeowner's Attorney

Ortega

From: Ortega

Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 7:45 AM

To: Counsel

Subject: House Sitting Agreement

Good morning,

I have luckily found someone to house-sit for me in March when I will be in Mauritius. Can you please meet with counsel for the house-sitter, Robinson, to finalize the details and draft an agreement reflective of my interests? I have attached a printout of the conversation Robinson and I had via text message, and the ad I placed.

Let's get this done tonight – I need to finalize this quickly. The dates of the trip are March 1-21.

Ortega

Sent from my iPad

Robinson 952-555-3677

Hi Ortega, my name is Robinson. I recently read your ad in the law school classifieds and I am very interested in your house-sitting job. I am a third-year law student and very reliable. I have house-sat for a professor at my law school a few times. I don't have a cat but I grew up with dogs.

Ortega 651-555-2143

Great, I am glad to hear that you are interested (and I am relieved). I always like to have someone stay at the place, and I am running out of options. My cats are getting on in years and need companionship and the overnight supervision. I have tried using a sitter who just stopped by once a day, and the cats were miserable. Plus I like the idea of someone there for security reasons. I live in a safe neighborhood, but I feel much better knowing someone is there at night.

Robinson 952-555-3677

I understand. My parents sometimes ask me to live at their place when they go on vacation. I am living in a pretty crummy apartment right now, so I would be happy to stay at your nice house and take care of your cat. My friend has a cat and we have a pretty good relationship. And I could also use the extra money, to be honest.

Ortega 651-555-2143

Well, I don't pay that much, but we can talk about that. I figure the house has a lot of perks that make the job worthwhile. I have cable TV and some state-of-the-art (but complicated) exercise equipment in the basement. You would need to feed the cats in the morning and evening and change the litter boxes every couple of days. Because of their age, it is not healthy for them to have a dirty litter box.

Robinson 952-555-3677

That all sounds good. I like the idea of being able to exercise, and I am sure I can handle the cat. Is there anything else I will have to do?

Ortega 651-555-2143

Oh, there is one more thing. You will have to arrange to have my piano tuned by my piano tuner. She does not take appointments more than one day in advance, so you will have to call and arrange it. It usually takes about 3 hours to tune the piano. I would like you to be there to supervise to make sure she does not steal anything.

Robinson 952-555-3677

OK. What are the next steps?

Ortega 651-555-2143

I am really busy these days, so I will have my attorney contact you to finalize the details and put together a written agreement.

Robinson 952-555-3677

That sounds good. I am also busy, so I will have one of my many lawyer friends handle this for me. A written agreement sounds good. I look forward to working with you.

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12/14/2023

House Sitter Wanted:

House sitter needed for three weeks in March to watch over my three-bedroom house and feed and care for my cats. The house sitter will have to stay at the house overnight. Fee negotiable.

Please contact Ortega at (651) 555-2143.