

Pet Sitters International (PSI), the world's leading educational association and largest membership organization for professional pet sitters, has been educating pet sitters and dog walkers and elevating the petsitting industry for nearly three decades.

DSI Quick Facts:

PSI has 4,000+ member pet-sitting and dog-walking businesses in the U.S., Canada and more than a dozen other countries.



PSI members performed more than 12 million pet-sitting visits in 2021.*



PSI members offer services for cats (96%), dogs (95%) and many other pet types.*



91% of PSI members surveyed indicated they are women.*



66% of PSI members have been in business for more than five years.*

PSI was founded in 1994 by Patti J. Moran, author of the industry's premier reference book, Pet Sitting for Profit.

Some of Patti Moran and PSI's contributions to the industry include:

- Partnering to provide the first-ever business insurance for professional pet sitters
- Publishing the first magazine for professional pet sitters, now called Pet Sitter's World
- Establishing Professional Pet Sitters Week[™], an annual observance
- Hosting the industry's first international conference, now called Pet Sitter World Educational Conference
- Recognizing a Pet Sitter of the Year[™], the industry's highest honor
- Offering the first—and only—knowledge-assessed certification exam specifically for professional pet sitters (PSI members can earn the CPPS-Certified Professional Pet Sitter® designation)
- Creating Take Your Dog To Work Day[®], and later, Take Your Pet To Work Week® and Take Your Cat To Work Day®, to promote pet adoptions



PSI provides its members with education and business resources, networking opportunities, access to group rates on business insurance and bonding, and more.

Pet parents can search for a PSI member pet sitter in their area at www.petsit.com/locate and download a free Pet-Sitter Interview Checklist.