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Making pets feel at home



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KERRI HUNTER

Age: 32

Lives: Fishtown

Family: "One husband, nine cats."

Critter sitter: Operates pet-sitting service.

Sitting pretty: Recently honored as "Pet Sitter of the Year" and became the first inductee into the National Association of Pet Sitters Hall of Fame.

Pet question: "If there are baby sitters for children and nurses for the elderly, why can't there be sitters for animals so they can stay home, too?"

People's choice: "I want people to know they have a choice from kenneling."

Numbers: Sits "4,000 or something pets" of all kinds a year.

Words to sit by: "Reliability, dependability, commitment. If you don't show up, a live being doesn't get food, in some cases medicine."

Best part: "The animals get to stay in their own environment, at home."

Worst: The hours, 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

Final words: "Making the lives of animals more comfortable. That's the bottom line."

— Joe Clark

