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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Robert and Bernadette Dee, housesitters

Robert and Bernadette house sat for us for a month while we were on holiday in January 2008. Having someone in your home takes quite a leap of faith, especially when you don't know them. However, they had sound references and we liked them immediately upon meeting with them twice before we left.

Our feeling is that it is unreasonable to expect a neighbour to feed the cat and water the garden for a month, and although in past years we have employed a teenager, this arrangement wasn't really satisfactory. I am a cook and keen gardener, so in the past coming home to an out of control garden has been quite depressing.

Whilst we were on holiday Robert contacted us at least once a week to reassure us that all was in hand, which we really appreciated. We arrived back to find the house in an immaculate condition, a clean dishcloth on the bench and fresh towels hanging in our bathroom. I am a cook and my pots and pans had been treated with care, and what a joy to find the garden weeded and thriving!

We are very grateful for their thoughtfulness and respect for our home, care for our oddball cat and attention to details that mean a lot to us.

We thoroughly recommend these two; from our experience you will be delighted with the service they provide.

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