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Pets at Home Job Interview Preparation Guide.

Question #1

How well do you know our company?

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Well, a developed company that is gradually building their reputation in the competitive world.

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Question # 2

Tell me about yourself?

Answer:-

There are some questions that your potential employer aren't allowed to ask (but trust me, they probably want to). For instance, they shouldn't really ask about your family or how far away you live from your potential place of employment. If you can find a way to answer these questions anyway (with the answers they want to hear), that will give them a little added info to help them make the (right) decision!

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Question #3

When were you most satisfied in your job In Pets at Home?

Answer:

I'm a people person. I was always happiest and most satisfied when I was interacting with community residents, making sure I was able to meet their needs and giving them the best possible comfort in a tough situation. It was my favorite part of the job, and it showed. Part of the reason I'm interested in this job is that I know I'd have even more interaction with the public, on an even more critical level.

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Question #4

Why are you leaving last job?

Answer:-

Although this would seem like a simple question, it can easily become tricky. You shouldn't mention salary being a factor at this point In Pets at Home. If you're currently employed, your response can focus on developing and expanding your career and even yourself. If you're current employer is downsizing, remain positive and brief. If you employer fired you, prepare a solid reason. Under no circumstance should you discuss any drama or negativity, always remain positive.

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Question # 5

Why was there a gap in your employment In Pets at Home?

Answer:

If you were unemployed for a period of time, be direct and to the point about what you've been up to (and hopefully, that's a litany of impressive volunteer and other mind-enriching activities, like blogging or taking classes). Then, steer the conversation toward how you will do the job and contribute to the organization: "I decided to take a break at the time, but today I'm ready to contribute to this organization in the following ways."

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Question # 6

Did you get on well with your last manager?

Answer:-

A dreaded question for many! When answering this question never give a negative answer. "I did not get on with my manager" or "The management did not run the business well" will show you in a negative light and reduce your chance of a job offer. Answer the question positively, emphasizing that you have been looking for a career progression. Start by telling the interviewer what you gained from your last job In Pets at Home



Question #7

Do you work well on a team? How would you define teamwork?

Answer-

I would define team work as getting the job done In Pets at Home whether that means if I have to do more then the guy next to me as long as the work gets finished.

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Question #8

Explain a time when you did not get along with your coworker?

Answer-

I used to lock heads with a fellows. We disagreed over a lot of things - from the care of civilians to who got what shifts to how to speak with a victim's family. Our personalities just didn't mesh. After three months of arguing, I pulled her aside and asked her to lunch. At lunch, we talked about our differences and why we weren't getting along. It turns out, it was all about communication. We communicated differently and once we knew that, we began to work well together. I really believe that talking a problem through with someone can help solve any issue.

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Question #9

How do you deal with pressure or stressful situations?

Answer:-

Choose an answer that shows that you can meet a stressful situation head-on in a productive, positive manner and let nothing stop you from accomplishing your goals. A great approach is to talk through your go-to stress-reduction tactics (making the world's greatest to-do list, stopping to take 10 deep breaths), and then share an example of a stressful situation you navigated with ease.

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Question # 10

How do you handle your anger?

Answer:-

I don't get angry very easily but in the rare occasion that I do, I hold it in and act as though nothing is wrong.

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Question # 11

How many tennis balls can you fit into a limousine? 1,000? 10,000? 100,000? Seriously?

Answer:-

Well, seriously, you might get asked brainteaser questions like these, especially in quantitative jobs. But remember that the interviewer doesn't necessarily want an exact number-he wants to make sure that you understand what's being asked of you, and that you can set into motion a systematic and logical way to respond. So, just take a deep breath, and start thinking through the math. (Yes, it's OK to ask for a pen and paper!)

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Question # 12

If you have seven white socks and nine black socks in a drawer, how many socks do you have to pull out blindly in order to ensure that you have a matching pair?

Answer:-

if the first one is one color (say, white), and the second one is the other color (black), then the third one, no matter what the color, will make a matching pair. (Sometimes you're not supposed to think that hard.)

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Question # 13

What do you already know about our company?

Answer:

Good reputation of a large home grown company that has various departments and product.

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Question # 14

What is your greatest strength? How does it help you In Pets at Home?

Answer:

One of my greatest strengths, and that I am a diligent worker... I care about the work getting done.. I am always willing to help others in the team. Being patient helps me not jump to conclusions... Patience helps me stay calm when I have to work under pressure.. Being a diligent worker.. It ensures that the team has the same goals in accomplishing certain things.

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Question # 15

Why should I hire you In Pets at Home?

Answer:

To close the deal on a job offer, you MUST be prepared with a concise summary of the top reasons to choose you. Even if your interviewer doesn't ask one of these question in so many words, you should have an answer prepared and be looking for ways to communicate your top reasons throughout the interview process.



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Question # 16

Do you have any question regarding this job In Pets at Home?

Answer:-

Never ask Salary, perks, leave, place of posting, etc. regarded questions. Try to ask more about the company to show how early you can make a contribution to your organization like. "Sir, with your kind permission I would like to know more about induction and developmental programs?" OR Sir, I would like to have my feedback, so that I can analyze and improve my strengths and rectify my shortcomings.

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Question # 17

Do you have good computer skills?

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It is becoming increasingly important for medical assistants to be knowledgeable about computers. If you are a long-time computer user with experience with different software applications, mention it. It is also a good idea to mention any other computer skills you have, such as a high typing rate, website creation, and more.

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Question # 18

Explain an idea that you have had and have then implemented in practice?

Answer:-

Often an interview guide will outline the so-called 'STAR' approach for answering such questions; Structure the answer as a situation, task, action, and result: what the context was, what you needed to achieve, what you did, and what the outcome was as a result of your actions.

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Question # 19

Explain me about your experience working in this field In Pets at Home?

Answer-

I am dedicated, hardworking and great team player for the common goal of the company I work with. I am fast learner and quickly adopt to fast pace and dynamic area. I am well organized, detail oriented and punctual person.

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Question # 20

Give me an example of an emergency situation that you faced. How did you handle it?

Answer:-

There was a time when one of my employers faced the quitting of a manager in another country. I was asked to go fill in for him while they found a replacement and stay to train that person. I would be at least 30 days. I quickly accepted because I knew that my department couldn't function without me.

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Question # 21

Have you got any questions?

Answer:-

This is your final opportunity to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job. Now is not the time to ask questions about holidays, pay or pensions - all these things can be asked later when you get an offer of employment. Now is the time to ask about any reservations that the interviewer may have about your suitability for the role. You will then give yourself one last chance to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job.

Example Thank you. I think we have covered everything. Before we finish the interview I would like to take the opportunity to ask if you have any reservations about my suitability for this role?

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Question # 22

What schedule do you hope to work? Are you willing to work extra hours?

Answer:-

Be honest. If you really want the job and are willing to work any schedule needed, say so. If, however, you have no intention of working late hours or weekends, simply let the interviewer know the hours that you are available to work. The same applies to extra hours. You are more likely to be hired if you are willing to work any time you are needed. However, saying that you are willing and then complaining about the hours once you start working is a recipe for disaster.

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Question # 23

What's a time you exercised leadership?

Answer:

Depending on what's more important for the role, you'll want to choose an example that showcases your project management skills (spearheading a project from end to end, juggling multiple moving parts) or one that shows your ability to confidently and effectively rally a team. And remember: "The best stories include enough detail to be believable and memorable,". Show how you were a leader in this situation and how it represents your overall leadership experience and potential.



Question # 24

Why do you want to work In Pets at Home for this organisation?

Answer-

Being unfamiliar with the organisation will spoil your chances with 75% of interviewers, according to one survey, so take this chance to show you have done your preparation and know the company inside and out. You will now have the chance to demonstrate that you've done your research, so reply mentioning all the positive things you have found out about the organisation and its sector etc. This means you'll have an enjoyable work environment and stability of employment etc everything that brings out the best in you.

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Question # 25

How have you changed in the last five years?

Answer-

All in a nutshell. But I think I've attained a level of personal comfort in many ways and although I will change even more in the next 5-6 years I'm content with the past 6 and what has come of them.

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Question # 26

What problems have you encountered at work?

Answer:-

Wow, do we have problems! Where do I begin? Well, most of the problems are internal, just people not working well with each other. I have one person on our team who is a real problem, but it seems like management is afraid to do anything about it. So we all end up having to do extra work to cover for this person, who just doesn't work. We all say that he's retired in place. I think he's just holding on until retirement in a couple years. But he's a real problem. I complain about it--a lot--but nothing ever seems to get done. I've even written negative reviews about the person, hoping he will get canned, but it doesn't happen. I can't wait for him to retire.

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Question # 27

Do you know anyone that works with our company?

Answer-

Sometimes companies have policies relating to the hiring of individuals related to current company employees. If you are related to anyone working for the company make sure you're aware of company policies before you enter the interview. If you have a friend or acquaintance working for the company make sure have good relationship with this individual before mentioning them.

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Question # 28

What is your dream job?

Answer:-

There is almost no good answer to this question, so don't be specific. If you tell the interviewer that the job you're applying for with his/her company is the perfect job you may loose credibility if you don't sound believable (which you probably won't if you're not telling the truth.) If you give the interviewer some other job the interviewer may get concerned that you'll get dissatisfied with the position if you're hired. Again, don't be specific. A good response could be, "A job where my work ethic and abilities are recognized and I can make a meaningful difference to the organization."

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Question # 29

Tell me about a time when you helped resolve a dispute between others?

Answer:-

Be sure to discuss a very specific example. Tell the interviewer what methods you used to solve the problem without focusing on the details of the problem.

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Question # 30

What qualities do you look for in a boss?

Answer:

Remain optimistic and do not be too specific. Good attributes include moral character, honesty, and intelligence since managers usually believe they possess these qualities.

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Question # 31

Explain what are your weaknesses In Pets at Home?

Answer:

Red flags: This is the peanut butter to the previous question's jelly. Again, everyone should expect it, so it's a bad sign if someone seems totally unprepared, or gives a stock answer like, "I'm a perfectionist." Also, of course, candidates crazy enough to blurt out some horrible personality trait should go in the red flagged pile. Good answer: Candidates should talk about a real weakness they've been working on improving. For instance, they're not good at public speaking, but they've been taking a course to help them improve. Or maybe they feel that they're easily distracted when working online, but have installed software that helps them stay on task. Answers like these show a desire for improvement, self awareness and discipline.



Question #32

Why do you want to leave your current company In Pets at Home?

Answer-

Bad Answer: Complaining about or blaming their former job, boss or colleagues. Also, having no good reason.

Good answer: One that focuses on the positives about why the job they're applying for offers them better learning or career opportunities, chances for advancement, aligns more closely to their long term goals, or is a better fit for them.

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Question #33

What do you consider ethical spending on an expense account?

Answer:

It depends on the role - but the better way to answer this is to ask the interviewer what their expectations are with regards to what the role can expense and then simply state that you'll stay within those parameters

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Question #34

Your client is upset with you for a mistake you made, how do you react?

Answer:-

Acknowledge their pain - empathize with them. Then apologize and offer a solution to fix the mistake.

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Question #35

What is your typical way of dealing with conflict? Give me an example?

Answer:-

First, find out what the root of the problem is. Second, determine the best steps to remediation with the best possible outcome. Third, take action to put remediation plans in place.

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Question #36

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement so far and why?

Answer:

Be proud of your achievement, discuss the results, and explain why you feel most proud of this one. Was it the extra work? Was it the leadership you exhibited? Was it the impact it had?

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Question #37

Where do you see yourself in 5 years with your career?

Answer:-

Be sure to paint a clear picture of your career vision that demonstrates your aspirations and goals that are realistic. This could emphasize increased responsibility, the ability to manage people and so forth

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Question #38

What type of personalities do you work best with and why?

Answer:-

Think of which personalities you work best with (do you like outgoing, collaborative, personable working relationships and so forth?)

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Question #39

What skills do you bring to the table?

Answer:-

Think of your skill sets with regards to: analytical skills, interpersonal skills, communication skills, computer skills, presentation skills, management skills, sales skills and so forth.

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Question # 40

What type of mentors do you seek out and why?

Answer:

Think of your top 3 mentors and what attributes they exhibit that you want to emulate. Common attributes include passion, desire, will, leadership, ability to influence others, intelligence.



Question #41

What do you feel you deserve to be paid?

Answer-

Do your research before answering this question - first, consider what the market average is for this job. You can find that by searching on Google (title followed by salary) and globalguideline.com and other websites. Then, consider this - based on your work experience and previous results, are you above average, if yes, by what % increase from your pay today from your perspective? Also - make sure if you aim high you can back it up with facts and your previous results so that you can make a strong case.

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Question # 42

What types of books or magazines do you typically read?

Answer:-

Describe both your personal and professional favorites. If you happen to like professional books / magazines that relate to the industry of the company you're applying for - that's definitely worth highlighting.

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Question # 43

What do you know about our competition?

Answer:-

Make sure you do your research on their competitors. You can find this by going to yahoo finance and click on their competitors (if they are public). From there research the news on them and go to their websites to understand their positioning on solutions and vision. You can also research local regional companies that are their competition (if it's a smaller private company on a regional scale) by simply typing in similar product offerings in the Google search followed by the city. Make sure you know their competitor's vision, products, culture, and how they are differentiated against their competition (and if they're not, how they could be)

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Question # 44

Have you ever mentored anyone before? If yes, describe the situation?

Answer-

Describe a time where you've helped someone else. Mentor ships can be informal so as you've helped someone over a period of time that can certainly count. The key is to highlight how you utilized certain skills/attributes like coaching, teaching, patience, communication skills, and so forth to mentor that person.

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Question # 45

How articulate are you in expressing your ideas?

Answer:-

One of the best ways to answer this question is clearly articulate three points that demonstrate how articulate you are (and in a sense show that in a live setting) - for example: "I would say I'm articulate because one, I typically gather my thoughts before speaking, two, I organize my thoughts well, and three I'm concise when making a point.

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Question # 46

Have you ever been fired and if yes, why?

Answer:-

Answer this as positively as possible and try to avoid disparaging the company you had previously worked for. The key is to accept the fact that yes, you were fired, but you've learned from the mistakes that got you there and you're better now because of it. If you haven't been fired, well, then this question's a piece of cake isn't it?

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Question # 47

Give me an example of when you competed hard and won?

Answer:

You can reference many different areas here when discussing a story of where you won in competition: Work experience (ideal), sports, clubs, classes, projects.

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Question # 48

What general trends do you see in our industry?

Answer:-

Examine what's happened in the industry in the last 5 - 10 years and how it's evolved and then look at what both the company and analysts are saying about the future of that industry in which that company competes in. Read trade magazines / online sources in that industry as well to make sure you stay up to date on trends.

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Question # 49

What do you expect to be earning in 5 years In Pets at Home?

Answer:-



Discuss how you expect yourself to be excellent at your job. Thus, it would be reasonable to expect pay that is based on the merit of your work.

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Question #50

Give me an example of how you handled pressure at work In Pets at Home?

Answer:-

The company is looking to see if you can handle pressure well. Share with them an example where you were able to stay calm during a pressure filled situation (perhaps it was a deadline, or there was an emergency with a customer occurring). Discuss the situation, your reaction and steps you took to resolve it and the outcome.

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Question #51

What techniques and tools do you use to keep yourself organized In Pets at Home?

Answer:-

Utilizing a calendar, having a notebook with your "to do" list, focusing on your top 3 priorities each and every day, utilizing a systematic way of storing documents on your computer (like box.net)

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Question # 52

If you had to choose one, would you consider yourself a big-picture person or a detail-oriented person?

Answer-

Both are important. You need to stress that. However, if you could only choose one, ask yourself In Pets at Home - do you like to be "in the weeds" with your work, or do you want to be the one painting the vision?

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Question # 53

What do you like to do?

Answer:-

Discuss your passions In Pets at Home. Ideally if it's work related that's fantastic! If not, talk about your academic / extracurricular passions and WHY you enjoy them. For example: I love playing sports because of the team work aspect - it's fun winning together! (This example shows you're a team player)

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Question # 54

What is your greatest achievement outside of work In Pets at Home?

Answer:

This is a great opportunity for you to discuss how you've given back to the community, how you've achieved in a competitive extracurricular activity (think sports or clubs), how you've mentored others, and so forth.

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Question #55

Do you think a leader should be feared or liked?

Answer:-

Liked. You want to work harder for people that inspire and motivate you. Fear only lasts for so long.

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Question # 56

If I were to give you this salary you requested but let you write your job description for the next year, what would it say?

Answer:

It should say the same thing - after all - if you think this salary is fair then it should suit the responsibilities!

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Question # 57

How would you go about establishing your credibility quickly In Pets at Home with the team?

Answer-

Fully understand my responsibilities, work hard and exceed expectations, learn as much as possible, help others as much as possible, understand what my teammates' goals and needs are, be on time, and gain a mentor.

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Question # 58

Does your boss know you're here today?

Answer:-

Usually, you probably haven't told your boss for obvious reasons. So it's ok to say that they do not. You don't want to upset the balance at your current job after all



and nothing is guaranteed in an interview. The interviewer should understand this stance.

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Question #59

Do you have good manners? What types of people need to be treated with good manners?

Answer:

You should have good manners. Everyone should be treated with courtesy and respect.

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Question # 60

What does "thinking outside the box" mean to you?

Answer:-

It means not doing things exactly the same way as everyone else. You've got to challenge the status quo and bring something new to the business.

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Question # 61

What motivates you the most?

Answer:-

Is it money? Is it career development? Is it recognition? Is it a sense of achievement? Is it to impress your peers? Is it for fame?

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Question # 62

How would your references describe you?

Answer:-

Think of three major characteristics that demonstrate your best qualities related to work and then have quick stories to describe why.

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Question #63

What is more important to you money or success?

Answer:

First ask yourself that question before the interview - what are your priorities? Are money and success actual one in the same goal for you? If not, what's more important based on how do you define success?

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Question # 64

When was the last time something upset you at work? What did you do?

Answer:-

Almost everyone has an emotional moment related to work at some point - you're not alone. The key is to learn why you reacted that way and to focus not on the problem but HOW to resolve it. Another key component is to be aware of your emotional response so that you can learn to control it in the future in a calm way.

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Question #65

How do you ensure all of your work gets accomplished in a productive manner?

Answer:

The key is to prioritize what's important in your work and to stay organized to accomplish the tasks. A strong work ethic also helps.

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