

Tomasz loves animals so much that he decided to turn his passion into business. It started with a week of **pet sitting** for a friend. When he looked after his friend's dog, he found it to be such fun that he thought he might do it for money, offering his services to other people. It's quite a new business in Poland so he hopes to make a success of it.



He takes care of pets, whose owners want to go out for a few hours and don't want to leave them alone. He stays with them at home or if they are dogs, he also takes them out for a walk. Generally, he keeps them company and makes them feel comfortable and secure. At the moment he gets paid by the hour.



His friends are **encouraging** him to expand his business and apply for a loan, or a government grant, to buy a small van. It would allow him to reach more clients easily, as well as to take clients' dogs to **remote** places for longer walks. He's thinking about it, but right now the business is small-scale, and it grows thanks to customers' recommendations.

Glossary

- **Pet sitting:** activity of looking after one's dog, while the owner is away (verb: **to pet-sit**)
- **To encourage:** to inspire with courage, spirit or confidence
- **Remote:** distant, far from a main centre of population