



Festive Cheer!

Christmas is just around the corner, and if you're planning to head off over the festive season, then be sure to get your position listed. Many house and pet sitters are still looking for places and pets to care for over the Christmas and New Year break so post your [position online](#).

Thanks to our friends at [Petplan](#), we've also included some of their advice in this e-news about the things you should consider preparing for your pet before you leave them in the care of a pet sitter.

From all of us at Mindahome, we wish you a Merry Christmas and an exciting 2017!

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Here are a few things to consider and do before you leave your pet in the care of a pet sitter. [More...](#)



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Caring for pets: 5 things to do before the pet sitter arrives

Preparing to leave your pet in the care of a sitter requires some careful planning and consideration for every eventuality. Thanks to our friends at [Petplan](#), here are the top five things you need to think about before you leave to make sure you, your pet and the pet sitter can rest easy.

- **Write down your pet's routine:** Your pet sitter might be an expert at looking after animals, but writing down your pet's routine will ensure your does not get thrown off by a change in habit.
- **Ensure your pet is up to date with vaccinations and treatments:** In the days and weeks before your departure, look up your pet's medical records and ensure he is up to date with all vaccinations and treatments before he is handed over to the pet sitter.
- **Make sure there are sufficient supplies on hand for your pet sitter:** You definitely do not want your pet running out of supplies such as food, treats or supplements, so stock up on supplies and make sure your pet sitter knows how and where to access them.
- **Have an emergency contact ready:** Have an emergency contact on hand, preferably a friend or family member, who can step in to look after your pet or help to arrange for another pet sitter; just in case.
- **Ensure all veterinary care is in place:** Just in case your pet falls ill while you are away, you will want to brief your vet and the sitter on exactly what needs to be done in your absence. It is equally important if you have your pet insured to make sure your pet insurance policy is paid up to day for the entire duration of your trip, so you are not forced to make difficult decisions regarding your pet's care while you are away.

Read more about what to prepare for your pet in our post about 5 things to help you on your next house and pet sit.

We hope you have found **Mindahome House and Pet Sitting's e-news** informative and interesting.

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