



Festive Cheer!

Christmas is just around the corner, and if you're after a last minute getaway over the Christmas and New Year period, then check out our Top Spot in this e-news edition or browse many other [positions online](#).

Take the time over the festive period to update your profile and plan some of your house and pet sits for 2017.

Thanks to our friends at [Petplan](#), we've also included some of their advice in this e-news about the things that should be prepared for your four legged companion, before their fur-parents leave them in your care.

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

Mindahome Team

Website recently added features



Date range search

A popular request has been to be able to search the home owners lists by date and now we have incorporated a Date Range search option in Home Owners listings '[Advanced search](#)'. [Try it out here](#).

Image swipe for touch screens

If an ad or profile has more than one image, people using touch screens can now swipe from image to image. The same thing can be achieved with standard screens by clicking on an image and pushing it to the side with your mouse pointer.

Interesting reads...



Cool cat sitting advice

Understanding your feline friends and keeping them comfortable, entertained and safe is all part of your role as a pet sitter. Here are some tips about what you might expect when on your next cat sitting adventure. [More...](#)



A new lease on life: You'll love our rising rent quick fix

If you haven't figured out that house sitting is the best way to get ahead in the housing market, then read our quick fix to avoiding rent.. [More...](#)

Tell us about your house sitting adventures!

Have you saved thousands of dollars by housing and pet sitting? Do you work with animals and house and pet sit? Have you travelled to some amazing places around Australia and stayed rent free by house and pet sitting?

We'd love to hear about your house and pet sitting adventures. So if you have an interesting story to tell, please get in touch via admin@mindahome.com.au.



Top spot for house and pet sitting

There are many [house and pet sitting positions listed online](#), but here is one for the Christmas and New Year period ready and waiting for you to apply.



Queanbeyan, New South Wales

This three bedroom home is just five minutes from Canberra and a six year old malamute, Rachael, will be your companion during this house and pet sit. This is a great opportunity for a Christmas and New Year getaway near the country's capital, to explore and enjoy all that the region has to offer. Find out more about this 12 day house and pet sit in Queanbeyan, NSW from 26 December 2016 to 7 January 2017.

[More info...](#)

What's on around the country...

- [Sculpture in the Vineyards](#) (NSW, December)
- [National Day of the Horse](#) (National, 10 December)
- [Manjimup Cherry Harmony Festival](#) (WA, 10 December)
- [Big Day Out for Dogs](#) (VIC, 11 December)
- [Twilight Christmas Pets Market](#) (VIC, 16 December)



Caring for pets: 5 things to help you on your next house and pet sit

Our friends at [Petplan](#), have given us the five top things that should be considered before home owners leave their pets in your care. Make sure that these things are done and you and the pets will have a worry free time while their owners are away.

Have the pet's routine written down: Avoid pet stress by having a detailed outline of the pet's routine. This should include a walking and feeding schedule and any character quirks that the pet might have.

Ensure the pet is up to date with vaccinations and treatments: The last thing you want is for the pet to

experience a medical emergency while the owners are away. So make sure all vaccinations and treatments, including topical treatments for fleas, ticks and so on have been administered.

Make sure there are sufficient supplies on hand: Check that there is enough food, treats and supplies and know where and how to access them.

Have an emergency contact ready: Make sure that an emergency contact is on hand, preferably a friend or family member, if the need arises.

Ensure all veterinary care is in place: Just in case the pet falls ill while the owner is away, you have to know what the owner would want you to do in their absence. Talk to the owners to see if they have had a chat with their vet to discuss treatment options for various conditions, so you will know what to do in every possible circumstance. Also make sure you have the vet's contact details and a protocol to follow should an emergency arise.

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

If there is something you would like us to cover in the e-news or if you have some general feedback, feel free to email us at admin@mindahome.com.au.

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