

## *Mindahome e-news*

*The latest news about pet care and house sitting across Australia*



### **Organise your house and pet sitting year**

Here's the February e-news from Mindahome and we have a jam packed issue for you!

We've already reached February, so the year is starting to fly by. Make time to organise your year of house and pet sits.

You may be a home owner who plans to travel a few times this year. Even if you don't have dates set in stone, but have an idea of when you want to travel, it may be a good idea to list your position (remember it's free!) to see what interest you receive. Then you can liaise with appropriate house and pet sitters about the dates.

For house and pet sitters, you may want to travel yourself or have chosen it as a lifestyle. Either way, you want to get organised and apply for positions that suit where you want to live (around work or family) or travel to (there are many positions around Australia just waiting for you to apply).

As always, home and pet owners can search for sitters for free via [mindahome.com.au](http://mindahome.com.au) and house and pet sitters can register with Mindahome to stay in as many homes or as few homes as you like each year.

There are so many possibilities - view our [house and pet sitting positions](#) online or [search for a house and pet sitter](#) now.

Happy 2015 and we wish you a successful house and pet sitting year ahead!  
*The Mindahome Team*

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Valentine's Day** (14 February): Check out [house and pet sitting positions](#) available for short breaks away
- **Sydney Chinese New Year Festival**(From 13-Feb-2015 to 01-Mar-2015): Could be a good opportunity to house and pet sit to visit the city
- **Love your pet day** (20 February): Be sure to give your pet an extra

## How a mother and daughter duo saw Australia as house and pet sitters

Kiwi born Adrienne and her daughter, Poppy, wanted to see Australia and have many adventures along the way. So they sold their car and all their possessions and began house and pet sitting their way around the country. Read more about their [house and pet sitting adventures](#)..

Anyone who says travel is expensive hasn't tried house sitting

[mindahome.com.au](http://mindahome.com.au)

## 7 answers to the most frequently asked questions about house and pet sitting

Your questions answered about house and pet sitting. Find out the ins and outs of what house and pet sitting entails and what home owners can expect. [Read more](#).



Julie taking Kira for a walk

### Featured House Sitters

Julie and Bill made a lasting impression at their last house and pet sit in Cairns, Queensland.

Home and pet owners, Lynn and Tony, left their dog, Kira, cat, Xana and bird, Sonny, in the trusted hands of Julie and Bill. Lynn recalls that after their first meeting *"we got on so well. It was as if we had known them forever. We left feeling very relieved... No worries for us while on holidays."*



Happy snaps from Julie and Bill to Kira's pet parents

Julie and Bill are travelling around Australia and house and pet sitting to break up travel in their caravan. Julie says that they enjoy making new friends with the home owners and also their pets.

Lynn and Tony said that they arrived home to *"one very happy dog, the bird screeching and the cat just lazing about somewhere in the garden. All was fantastic on our return and we would highly recommend Julie and Bill to others."*



Happy pet parents: Lynn and Tony

**Julie and Bill's top tip for being a successful house and pet sitter:** Establish and maintain contact with the owners before and during the house/pet sit to alleviate concerns for the owner. We sent photos to Lynn and Tony which they really appreciated.

To consider Julie and Bill for your next house and pet sit, [visit their profile](#).

If you would like to be featured in our newsletter, drop us an email at [admin@mindahome.com.au](mailto:admin@mindahome.com.au)

## This month's top spot for house and pet sitting

This house and pet sit could be the very one you have been looking for, but if not, search for more house and pet sitting opportunities online.



### Pet sit Bronson in Northcote, VIC

This cute and cosy two bedroom house is close to St George's Road tram, High Street tram, and Northcote station, making it easy to travel around and explore the area. The home is situated in a nice quiet street near Merri Creek and is close to cafés, restaurants, bars and shopping centre. Three year old golden retriever, Bronson, will be your buddy for this 39 day house and pet sit from 1 April to 10 May 2015. Find out more about this [Northcote house and pet sit](#).

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## Lara and Zim's corner



Like our human parents, keeping us fit and healthy is important and makes sure that we can enjoy energetic and passive play.

Many dogs and cats in Australia are a touch overweight which can increase their risk of having diabetes, arthritis and cancer. So getting a regular check up with your friendly vet is a good idea to give you strategies to lose and maintain a healthy weight. Although many of us are active, we don't need as many calories in our diet as some might think. Again, see your vet for some suggestions about portions and how to control your weight according to your age and lifestyle.



## Stop press!! The Australian National University needs you!

Researchers at the Australian National University in Canberra are researching House Sitting and exploring why it's becoming so popular. Who house sits and why, and how do home owners decide which sitters to use? You can be part of the project by completing a short survey. [Read the details here.](#)

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