



## A new year brings new adventures!

Another year rolls around and many of us vow to make the most of the 12 months ahead by enjoying new opportunities.

We value our home and pet owner members and enjoy hearing about the wonderful experiences that many of you have had engaging one of our house and pet sitters.

Whether you are looking for a house and pet sitter for unexpected travel, for a planned holiday during the year, or even short trips away on a regular basis, we have a network of sitters across Australia to help you.

Remember, as a home owner you can [register your position for free online](#) . And we can even list your position in our monthly e-newsletter to house sitters. If you would like your position promoted via our house sitter e-newsletter for FREE, email us at [admin@mindahome.com.au](mailto:admin@mindahome.com.au) - but you have to get in quick!

We look forward to sharing your positions on [mindahome.com.au](http://mindahome.com.au) and learning more about how we can help you as a home and pet owner throughout 2016.

*Mindahome Team*

## Interesting reads...



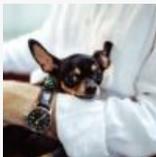
### Breaking down the costs of pet care

Boarding your pet when you have to travel can prove expensive, so engaging a house and pet sitter for free makes a lot of financial sense. [More...](#)



### 10 steps to finding the perfect house and pet sitter

While you're away, you want to have the peace of mind that your treasured pet is in capable hands. Follow these simple steps to make sure you secure the best house and pet sitter for you and your pet. [More...](#)



### The #1 trait that house and pet sitters can offer your pet

It's always hard to be away from your animal companion, but with some personalised attention and individual love from a house and pet sitter, your pet will enjoy a holiday just as much as you will. [More...](#)





## Join our #FreeAussieSummerFun campaign

Aussie summers are about fun in the sun and enjoying the outdoors. Join [Mindahome on Facebook](#) to share some of your pictures of free summer fun and don't forget to hashtag **#FreeAussieSummerFun**. It could be the awesome view that you have from your beachside home, or a free festival you have attended across the country. Share your photos with us on Facebook!



### Caring for pets

Many owners share a special bond with their pets which has been developed over many years. If one of your New Year's resolutions is to spend more genuine time with your dog, then here are some tips about how to develop a rapport with dogs and create a bond to instil trust and cooperation.

- **Create positive and productive behaviours:** Most dogs enjoy running, jumping and rolling around. Walking dogs on a loose leash and providing safe chew toys will allow dogs to explore and smell different objects and environments.
- **Be calm, consistent and fair:** This is important in building your dog's trust and allowing them to depend on you as a carer and friend.
- **Bond with the dog:** Our canine friends adhere to many human rules, so we should take some time to consider what they need as well. Spend time with them and try to understand their needs at different times of the day and appreciate the unconditional love they offer.

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](mailto:admin@mindahome.com.au).

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