



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 experiences and taking on new challenges. Many of our house sitters say that house and pet sitting is all about the adventure. Experiencing how other people live and enjoying the company of different pets and animals.

Whether you choose to house and pet sit to save on living expenses or for holiday, the lifestyle is like no other. Having the trust of the people who share their homes and pets with you is a big responsibility, but one that can be utterly satisfying and eye-opening at the same time.

Remember some of our [tips for securing house and pet sitting positions](#) and make 2016 a year of new house and pet sitting adventures and savings!

We look forward to sharing your house and pet sitting stories this year and wish you every success and enjoyment for however many positions you choose to take on.

Refresh your house and pet sitting adventures in 2016!

Mindahome Team

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Top spots for house and pet sitting

Check out these house and pet sitting positions to see if they're right for you.. If you're after something different, there are many opportunities still out there, so check them out [online](#).



Rocksberg, QLD

Care for one dog and two Shetland ponies at this house on the hill on 40 acres of private bush in Rocksberg in Queensland. This is the ideal place for walking and bird watching and the owners are looking for house sitters who can do various sits throughout the year. Find out more about this house and pet sit from 6 February to 8 February 2016 in Rocksberg, QLD.

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Two Rocks, WA

This two bedroom house has a large backyard with pool to enjoy during this house and pet sit. Two small dogs will be your animal companions and enjoy walks and some attention. Find out more about this seven day house and pet sit from 1 to 8 February 2016 in Two Rocks, WA.

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Hobart, Tasmania

A canine friend will be your companion during this house and pet sit in Hobart, Tasmania. House sitters are welcome to come a few days earlier and stay in a lovely campervan to get used to the surroundings and Tad, the dog - a gentle, intelligent, wonderful harrier/hound who needs walking from 30 minutes to 1 hour or more daily. This comfortable two level home is five minutes from a bus stop and 35 minutes' walk from the Hobart city centre and set back from street, in the trees. There are also some chickens to feed daily. Find out more about this house and pet sit in Hobart, Tasmania from 18 to 22 February 2016.

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Caring for pets

It's not always easy to meet new puppies and dogs at a house sit, but building a connection for the animals you will be caring for while their owners are away is sure to make your pet sit pleasurable for you and your canine companions.

Here are some tips about how to develop a rapport with dogs and create a bond to instil trust and cooperation from your pooch friends.

- **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:** The dogs you care for will be familiar with the rules and routines set out by their owners. Be sure to keep to these rules while you are caring for them to create consistency, familiarity and trust in you as their carer.
- **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.

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