



## The generational debate for house and pet sitters

Welcome to Mindahome House and Pet Sitting's July e-news.

What are some of the attributes that home owners look for in a potential house and pet sitter? Well, this month we'll be looking at what makes mature aged house sitters attractive to home owners.

We'll also hear from house sitters of this generation about their experiences and top tips for other sitters.

Thanks to a note from one of our experienced house sitters, we also have included a mention in this e-news about keeping the property secure during a house sit for the owner and sitter's benefit.

With the weather cooling you may be tempted to stay put, but there's plenty to see and experience across Australia and a house and pet sit makes it easy to see it all. Take a look at the variety of [house and pet sits available online](#).

Home and pet owners needn't be shy, search for sitters for free via [mindahome.com.au](#) and be sure that your home and pets will be given personal attention by a reliable house and pet sitter.

Try a new experience and house and pet sit!

*Mindahome Team*



## 5 reasons over 60s make perfect house sitters

What are the secrets of mature aged house and pet sitters for securing a position? We've spilled the beans about what makes this generation magnets for house and pet sits.

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## Upcoming Events of Interest

- **Festival of Voices (3 – 12 July, TAS)** celebrates the voice in its many forms and includes choral music to gospel, classical, a capella and sacred song, held in some of Hobart's historic locations
- **Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta (12 July, NT)** brings together amateur boat builders who show off their beer can vessels with the aim to stay afloat long enough to cross the finish line
- **Ballina Fine Wine and Food Festival (12 July, NSW)** showcases local restaurants, cottage industries and Australian wineries and breweries

- **Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (31 July – 2 August, QLD)** is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, dance and music
- **International Day of Friendship (30 July)** celebrates the friendship between people, countries, cultures and individuals that can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities



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### Featured House and Pet Sitters



Seasoned house and pet sitters, David and Glenys, enjoy spending the cooler months of the year in more temperate climates, so home owners living in the northern parts of Australia are in luck.

David and Glenys are fit and enthusiastic house and pet sitters who have impressed the home and pet owners that they have sat for so much, that they get call backs year after year.

The couple are currently enjoying the warmer winter weather in Hervey Bay in Queensland with the company of a western terrier named Robbie and miniature poodle named FiFi, but have also house and pet sat in Berrwah in QLD, Nelson Bay in NSW and the Dandenong and Bethanga in VIC.

David and Glenys believe that connecting with owners and their pets on a personal level helps both parties to have the peace of mind that all will

be cared for during the sit. They stay in touch with owners via email and send photo updates of pets.

*"We love house sitting because of the new found friendships we've formed and we get to care for the most important members of a home owner's family - their pets. We live in a retirement village in Albury, so house and pet sitting gives us an opportunity to see a lot of our beautiful country."*

*"When we house sit we maintain the house owners property as if it is our own and maintain their gardens, so when they come home they can relax."*

**David and Glenys' Top Tip:** Show home owners that you care, because their pets are an important part of their family. Show that you have the skills to maintain the property and be straight up about what you can and can't do.

To find out more about David and Glenys, check out their [profile](#) .

### Be aware and secure



Thanks to a helpful note from Mindahome's long time house sitting members, Rick and Tara, we thought we should include a short update about security when house sitting.

Home and pet owners should be advised that it is not recommended to include their full residential address on their house and pet sit advertisement online. It is probably best to only provide this information once a sitter has been selected.

For house and pet sitters, it is worth asking owners whether there is any scheduled maintenance due for the period that you will be staying at the home and if nothing has been confirmed by the owners, to be wary of any requests to enter the property by servicemen or other personnel while you're there.

Many insurance companies prefer that the house is occupied when the owners are away, making house sitters ideal to provide the added security of the home and personal care of the pets.

But being informed and aware about people authorised to enter the property will ensure that all people, pets and property are safe and secure for the period.

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

Check out this house and pet sit in Lilydale, Tasmania - a beautiful setting with wonderful animal companions. But if you're after something different, then you can also search for more [house and pet sitting](#)

## Snap up this beautiful house sit in Lilydale, Tasmania



Horses, cats and chickens will be your companions for this house and pet sit in Lilydale, Tasmania from 15 July to 31 October 2015.

The whole animal menagerie get on well together and are much loved by their owners, so are sure to keep you company during your stay.

Just half an hour from Launceston and near Mount Arthur, you can use this comfortable home as a base to explore the rest of the region.

Find out more about this Lilydale, TAS house and pet sit and contact the owner for more information.

[More info...](#)

Want your house and pet sitting position to be featured in our next e-news? Then drop us an email at [admin@mindahome.com.au](mailto:admin@mindahome.com.au).

## Pet Corner



We all know that animals can provide many health and emotional benefits for the young, mature, couples and families.

So caring for pets during a house and pet sit can be very rewarding, especially if you love animals but can't own any of your own.

Getting out and about and walking the dog or enjoying the sunshine outside as you feed the birds or rural animals could be just the thing you

need to relax and de-stress while getting a bit of exercise at the same time.

But with any pet care position, it is always advised to confirm the level of exercise that a pet may need prior to a sit to ensure that you understand what is expected. Walks twice a day with a Maltese Terrier could be an easy stroll, whereas a walk with a Great Dane could require a little more energy!

Take the time to know and understand the personalities of the pets you intend to care for and you will be assured a great time together.

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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