

Mindahome e-news

The latest news about pet care and house sitting across Australia



Looking ahead to save

Welcome to the March e-news for Mindahome! In this edition, we've got some clear cut savings info to share, as well as events this month that will get you out and about and enjoying the company of your animal friends.

With Easter and school holidays soon upon us, you may like to consider jumping onto our website to see what [house sitting positions are available](#), if you're thinking of taking a short break away.

Remember to check out our top spots section in this e-news to see a couple of great positions looking for keen house and pet sitters.

So are you on track to meet your savings resolutions for the year? In this e-news we've given you an example of the financial rewards of house and pet sitting to save. Our top suggestions for winning a house and pet sit? Applying early and being professional - and tell home owners what you can do for them.

Home owners - there are so many reliable house and pet sitters waiting for your position. So if you're planning a trip, then include as much information as you can to attract quality house sitters to your position. Photos help as well!

As always, home and pet owners can search for sitters for free via 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.

Welcome Autumn and enjoy your month!

The Mindahome Team

Upcoming Events

- **Clean Up Australia Day** (1 March): If you're house and pet sitting in a new area, take part in the local community clean up and meet new faces and friends
- **Polite Pets Month** (1 - 31 March): Coordinated by Animal Aid, this month is dedicated to raising awareness about behavioural issues in pets

Parks Week (9-15 March): Celebrate the role that parks play in our lives, especially to let our furry and four legged friends run around and play

- **NSW Seniors Week** (14 - 22 March): There are lots of activities to take part in during Seniors Week - so if you're in NSW, get out there and enjoy!
- **St Patrick's Day** (17 March): Share in local celebrations for St Patrick's Day

Saving dollars and cents

A majority (57%) of Australians are saving up for a life goal, such as buying their own home or for a holiday.

Many of Mindahome's members are successfully saving extra cash by house and pet sitting rather than paying rent.

So let's crunch the numbers, using NSW as an example, to see just how much there is to save.

Average cost of domestic fuel and power \$32

Average cost of household services and operation \$70

Average rent in NSW (per week) \$430

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$532 / week (\$27,664 / year)

Minus the cost of registering with Mindahome.com.au (\$49 annual registration fee)

TOTAL SAVINGS: \$483 / week (\$25,116 / year)

In return, you attend to the general upkeep of the home during your stay and also care for animals or pets for the owners while they are away.

Whether you're saving up to own a home of your own, or saving for a big extended holiday around Australia or overseas, there are significant financial benefits to house and pet sitting.

For a low annual fee, you could be experiencing different places and meeting new people and pets and saving significant cash along the way.

The key to successfully house and pet sitting continuously is to be organised and apply for positions well in advance so you have sits lined up for a few months.

Check out some of the [latest positions listed online](#) and start saving for your life goal.



Featured House Sitters



Mad and Nat house and pet sit around Sydney and have a passion for animals and gardens

A love of animals is what makes certain house and pet sitters stand out.

Nat and Mad are one such house sitting couple who really put pets first and attend to their needs to keep them happy and comfortable while their owners are away. They also provide regular pet updates to owners and send pictures as well.

House and pet sitting mainly in and around Sydney, NSW, Nat and Mad are able to work while they attend to your house and pet sitting requirements.

They also have a keen passion for gardens and can undertake general household maintenance while owners are away.

Their commitment to the animals they care for as well as the professional way that they treat each house and pet sit is why they continue to receive glowing recommendations and repeat sit requests.

Nat and Mad's Top Benefit of House and Pet Sitting: Savings!

To consider Nat and Mad 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

This month's top spot for house and pet sitting

Here are a couple of house and pet sits coming up over the next few months. Check them out and see if they are right for you. You can also search for more [house and pet sitting opportunities](#) online.



House and pet sit in Argyle, WA

This house and pet sit will be a rewarding experience for a sitter who loves dogs. The owner's dog has recently had surgery and is house bound and will require three short walks a day to get out and about on a flat surface. You can also enjoy the company of some chickens and enjoy the eggs that you collect from them too! Find out more about this [Argyle, Western Australia 16 day house and pet sit](#) that runs from 26 March 2015 - 11 April 2015.

Animal friends to care for in Cardiff South, NSW

You will never be short of company during this seven day house and pet sit in Cardiff South, NSW with two cats, a dog, a rabbit and two fish ready to greet you. This house sit is ideally located within walking distance to a local shopping centre, bus stops and parks. Enjoy the lake and beaches nearby or window shop at the major shopping centre with a range of entertainment options. This house and pet sit is from 12 April 2015 to 19 April 2015 for seven days. Find out more about this [Cardiff South, NSW house and pet sit](#).

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 .

Lara and Zim's corner



To celebrate Polite Pets Month, we thought we would share some of the tips we've learned to make our pet parents proud of our behaviour.

1. Keep to the rules your pet parents set up for you. They like to think they're the boss.
2. If you don't like certain situations, such as kids

parties, then it may be a good idea for your pet parent to limit your exposure to these events.

3. Stick to your set meal time - we've learnt that they don't like us jumping up at the bench top whenever food is being prepared.

4. You know that you get a reward when you're well behaved, so keep it up and more treats will come your way!

5. It's never too late to learn new tricks, so maybe some training is the way to go.



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.](#)

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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