



## Plan ahead for the rest of the year

With March signalling the start of Autumn, you may be starting to think about the rest of the year ahead.

You may be planning a few short trips away or a more extended holiday overseas or around Australia. Make sure you attract the right house sitters by listing your position early. You will have more time to review applications and assess which house sitter is right for you, your home and your pet.

The main advantage to engaging a house sitter is that you don't have to pay for boarding fees - which can really stack up, especially over long weekends and public holidays.

See some of the Mindahome house and pet sitters [online](#) .

Enjoy your new adventures with a house sitter to give you peach of mind.

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## Interesting reads...



### Home security during a house and pet sit

Many insurance companies prefer that a house is occupied while you're away. Here are some things you may want to consider before you travel. [More...](#)



### Saving on pet care

Just like us, our furry and four legged friends need regular checkups and care. Here are some tips to help you save on pet care. [More...](#)



## What's on around the country...

- **Polite Pets Month** (National, 1 - 31 March)
- **Staircase to the Moon** (WA, March to October)
- **Canberra Balloon Spectacular** (ACT, 12 -2 0 March)
- **International Day of Happiness** (International, 20 March)



## Caring for pets

We found some great tips from Cesar's Way about mastering the art of walking a dog. These tips are sure to help you and your canine friend enjoy the experience.

- **Walk in front of your dog:** This will show the dog that you are a pack leader. This will also be reinforced by you being the first out the door and the first one in.
- **Opt for a short dog leash:** You will have more control with a short leash and will make it easier for you to communicate, guide and correct the dog.
- **Don't rush the dog walk:** Although each dog is different, set aside 30 minutes to an hour for a daily walk.
- **Offer rewards:** During the walk, reward the dog by letting them toilet or sniff around when they have maintained the proper state of mind. And at the end of the walk, provide a meal for the dog so that they have 'worked' for food and water.
- **Keep up as leader:** Don't stop leading when you get home. Have the dog wait while you put away the leash, shoes, etc from your walk.

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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