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May is the month to prepare and enjoy

As we near the end of Autumn you could be thinking ahead to your spring and summer time house and pet sits.

This could be a good time to review and refresh your position and profile to make sure you attract the right attention, so we've included a few reminders for you about how to make your online presence count.

May is music and food month, so check out some of the events across the country that will tantalise your taste buds and sooth your senses.

Don't forget, home owners can register a position for free via mindahome.com.au so tell your friends if they need a sitter while they're away. And [register as a house sitter](#) and you can take up as many or as few house and pet sits as you like per year.

Enjoy the last month of Autumn house and pet sits!

Mindahome Team



Top 5 mistakes home owners make when posting a position

It's not all up to the house sitters. Home and pet owners can brush up on posting a position, so we've included some tips in this e-news to get you started.

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Upcoming Events

- May is **Aussie Wine Month** so take some time to savour the tastes of Australian wines across the country
- **Mother's Day (10 May):** We wish all the mums and fur-mums out there a happy Mother's Day!

- **Noosa International Food and Wine Festival (14 – 17 May):** Head North to the Sunshine Coast in QLD for some sumptuous food and culinary inspiration
- **Vivid Sydney (22 May - 8 June):** This is Sydney's winter festival that brightens up the NSW city with colourful displays, performances and installations
- **Melbourne International Jazz Festival (29 May – 7 June):** Bringing the city to life, this festival in Victoria will showcase performances in some of the city's most iconic spaces



Go off the beaten track to meet new people, creatures and for new experiences

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Featured House and Pet Sitter



Jennifer brings experience and respect

Taking time off from the everyday demands of a rural property can be difficult, but having a house and pet sitter like Jennifer makes having time away just that bit easier.

With a farm upbringing, Jennifer seeks out rural sits to enjoy living in different parts of regional Victoria and handling animals of all sizes and temperaments.

She has experience with a range of animals - dogs, cats, chickens and ducks, cows with calves, sheep, alpacas and horses - but notes the larger ones often require less care than the small. Jennifer says that she respects all creatures big and small and loves to wake with the magpies at dawn.

Jennifer has a true passion for regional communities and believes that the experiences she receives from being on different properties are priceless.

When in inner Melbourne, Jennifer is coordinating a community solar bulk buy and mentors social enterprises set up by recent refugees/migrants.

So for regional home owners looking to get away who want an experienced and enthusiastic house and pet sitter to care for their property and animals, check out [Jennifer's profile](#).

Jennifer's top tip for being a great house sitter for rural home owners? *Understand the responsibilities and give owners confidence that you can handle the everyday as well as the unexpected.*

If you would like to be featured or would like to tell others about a house and pet sitter that impressed, drop us an email at admin@mindahome.com.au



Attracting home owners to your position

First impressions are everything, so making sure you have an informative and useful profile for home owners to review is paramount.

Check out our post on what you can include in your house sitter profile to entice home owners to contact you.

[Read more...](#)

This month's top spot for house and pet sitting

Check out this upcoming house and pet sit in Victoria. Or if you're after something different, you can also search for more [house and pet sitting opportunities](#) online.



Caring cat lover wanted

This comfortable three bedroom, two bathroom home has an open plan kitchen/dining area, a



conservatory and front and back gardens with sunny spots for relaxing and enjoying the array of wildlife that visit.

A beautiful cat will be your company for the house and pet sit and will need feeding and clean water twice a day.

The home is situated within walking distance of the Wetlands where you can observe kangaroos, frogs and numerous water birds or enjoy walking and cycle paths.

Ideally located less than 4km to the beautiful beach and Chelsea shops and train station as well as other scenic landmarks, this 23 day house and pet sit in Chelsea Heights, Victoria from 21 June 2015 to 14 July 2015 is worth checking out.

[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.

Pet Corner



As the cooler months roll in, we should consider our pets and their comfort during the colder weather.

Although many pets have lush fur and plush coats, it's not a perfect insulator when it's very cold and especially if it is wet.

So if your pet doesn't mind wearing clothing for warmth, then consider rugging them up in suitable coats or providing a warm blanket to snuggle up to.

Puppies and kittens should generally be kept inside during very cold conditions and this also applies to older and ill pets as well.

Preparing for wild and cool weather can also be helped with suitable shelter that protects your pet from drafts and the elements and, just like humans, cooler weather does bring on the appetite for some pets, so top up on regular supplies.

That extra food needs to be worked off though, so for evening walks when the sun goes down just that little bit earlier, consider reflective clothing for fur-parent and pet, to keep you visible and safe.

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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