



## Plan for your holidays for the festive season

Welcome to the November issue of Mindahome's e-news.

Now is the time to be securing your house and pet sitting positions for the Christmas and New Year period - if you haven't already!

Whether you plan to travel to different places around Australia, or are just looking for a home to use as a base to explore the rest of the region, there are **more than 250 house and pet sitting positions listed** on [mindahome.com.au](http://mindahome.com.au) covering the December to January period, just waiting for applications.

Pet owners considering going away for the festive season should list their positions to ensure they don't miss out on engaging a reliable house and pet sitter. Rather than paying high holiday fees for a boarding facility to house your pet, your animal companion will be much happier staying in their own home environment with the personalised care and attention of a pet sitter.

As always, remember that home and pet owners can search for sitters for free via [mindahome.com.au](http://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.

Prepare for the festive season now for pet care or for some time away!

*Mindahome Team*



## Breaking down the costs of pet care

Don't add to the financial and emotional stress of the festive season for you and your pet by using a boarding facility. Engaging a pet sitter can save pet owners hundreds of dollars and will cause less disruption for you and your pet.

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- **Taste of Melbourne (VIC, 12 – 15 November)**: Some of the hottest restaurants in Melbourne will be serving up some tantalising dishes over four days in Albert Park. There will also be entertainment and other activities to experience.
- **Human Walking Program (VIC, 20 November)**: Coordinated by the Lost Dogs Home in Victoria, everyone is encouraged to trade in their stuffy office for a leisurely walk in the park with some adoptable dogs from the Lost Dogs Home.
- **Sydney International Art Series (NSW, 20 November – 15 March)**: Sydney's Art Gallery of NSW and Museum of Contemporary Art will combine to present two outstanding exhibitions for this series.
- **Feast Festival (SA, 14 – 29 November)**: Enjoy events including theatre, cabaret, film, forums, literature, visual arts and community celebrations during this intriguing festival.



Until one has loved an animal,  
a part of one's soul remains  
unawakened - *Anatole France*

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## House and pet sitting in prime holiday destinations

If you want to pay nothing for comfortable accommodation in prime holiday spots across Australia, then a house and pet sitting experience could be just what you're looking for. Read about David and Glenys' experiences and find out the benefits of house and pet sitting for holidays.

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

Check out this new top spots for house and pet sitting and get in quick to secure your Christmas and New Year getaway. If you're after something different, there are so many opportunities out there, so check them out [online](#) .



## Relax and enjoy in Pullenvale, QLD these summer holidays

Spend a three week getaway in a peaceful country house on the outskirts of Brisbane for Christmas and New Year period. This three bedroom house on two acres of peaceful land offers a pool and air-conditioning and two friendly dogs (a German Shepherd and a Husky) as your companions for your stay. The dogs love to play but are generally self sufficient and spend all day outside. The only thing you have to worry about during this stay is how best to relax and enjoy the summer! This position is just a 15 minute drive out of the city centre and very handy to local malls and shops. Find out more about this Pullenvale, Queensland house and pet sit from 13 December 2015 to 6 January 2016.

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## Pet Corner



The season of fireworks and loud noises is soon upon us, and although the fun and excitement of bangs and loud sounds can be fun for us, some pets can find flashes and unusual sounds frightening.

Here are some tips to help you prepare for the celebrations of the festive season:

- Provide suitable hiding places with extra bedding where your pet can feel safe.
- For indoor pets, close all windows and curtains to help reduce the lights and sounds.
- Make sure your pets have identification tags or are microchipped so they can be returned to you quickly if they do happen to escape.
- For dogs, consider giving them their daily walk earlier in the day and place treats for playtime in their 'safe place' to help them associate this spot with safety.
- For cats, ensuring a litter tray is available for them and easing them into indoor stays will help them deal with fireworks.
- For smaller animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs and birds, cover their cages, pens and aviaries with blankets for soundproofing but still provide them with some space to see out. Extra bedding to burrow into may also help them feel safer.

Early preparation will help ease your pet into the noisy festive period and will ensure they feel safe when unusual sounds may be present.

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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