



Time to explore and plan

Dust off your winter woollies and get outdoors - the sun has arrived and it's time to enjoy it!

October brings wonderful opportunities to explore the beauty of the Australian landscape as a house and pet sitter - whether you prefer a city stay or rural setting - there are **plenty of positions** waiting for your application.

Be sure to keep your availability up-to-date on your profile and perhaps now is a good time to contact previous home owners for testimonials and references for future house and pet sits.

Take some time to discover and explore on an Aussie house and pet sit.

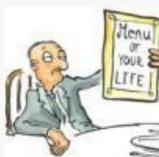
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Coming soon - a fresh new look for Mindahome

We are in the process giving our Mindahome website a 'makeover,' below is an image from the home page ... stay tuned for further updates over the coming weeks!

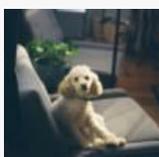


Interesting reads...



House Sitting: Top Tips on picking the service that's right for you

When choosing a house sitting service to sign up to, make sure you're comparing apples with apples. Here are some tips to help you find a service that gives you the best chance at securing a sit and offers you the best value for money. [More...](#)



5 surprising facts about pet sitting

Think you know everything about pet sitting? Well, here are some things that may surprise you. [More...](#)

Tell us about your house sitting adventures!

Have you saved thousands of dollars by housing and pet sitting? Do you work with animals and house and

pet sit? Have you travelled to some amazing places around Australia and stayed rent free by house and pet sitting?

We'd love to hear about your house and pet sitting adventures. So if you have an interesting story to tell, please get in touch via admin@mindahome.com.au.



Top spot for house and pet sitting

There are many [house and pet sitting positions listed online](#), but here are three coming up soon in Queensland that may interest you.



Clifton Beach, Queensland

Three storey house with wrap around verandah and superb views to Coral Sea and Cairns. Located in Cairns northern beaches. One kilometre walk to local bus service. Two kilometres to shopping centre with supermarket, bank, post office and restaurants. There are two dogs and two cats to care for during this 13 day house and pet sit in Clifton Beach, Queensland from 23 November to 6 December 2016.

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Glenwood, Queensland

This two bedroom home has large verandahs, on a 5 acre property with natural bushland and dam. In the area kangaroos can be seen hopping in the streets and grazing the grassy slopes in late afternoon. Three dogs and two friendly geese will require your care. World famous tourist attractions in the Fraser Coast area are only a short drive - whales at Harvey Bay, dolphins and fishing at Tin Can Bay, Rainbow beach, Fraser Island, Noosa and the Sunshine coast. There's a convenience store, service station, chemist, mechanical services in Glenwood. Find out more about this 14 day house and pet sit in Glenwood Queensland from 9 to 23 October 2016.

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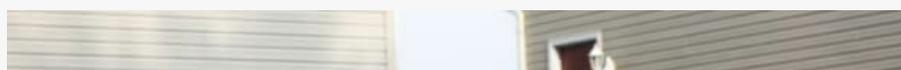
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The property is in the pretty and picturesque acreage estate of Glenwood QLD where kangaroos hop in the streets. The house is a new 3 bedroom home with patio views to grassy slopes and trees, a bromeliad garden, and a small organic vegetable garden. The property is 1.5 acre of lawn, natural bushland and pine forest, which attracts a variety of birds including black cockatoos. The garden is home to green frogs. Some pet care required. Shops and attractions are only a short distance from this house and pet sit in Glenwood from 9 to 23 October 2016

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What's on around the country...

- **Be Kind to Animals Week** (National, 1-7 October)
- **Dogtober** (National, October)
- **World Animal Day** (International, 4 October)
- **Aussie Backyard Bird Count** (National, 17-23 October)





Caring for pets

Going for a daily walk is great exercise for your pet - and you - but is it really spending quality time with your favourite four legged friend? Stuck for fun games to play with your pet? Well, we've found a few that will get the whole family enjoying some pooch time.

Round Robin

Ideal for a family with children, your dog is sure to enjoy all the attention. Sit around the room with everyone having a handful of dog treats. Then, each person takes turns to call your dog's name. Whenever the dog goes to the person who calls their name, he should be rewarded with a treat and praise. Take the game outdoors and sit even farther away from each other to test your furry friend!

Frisbee Toss

Not as easy as catching a tennis ball, this game make take a little bit of practice. If your dog doesn't innately know to jump and catch the Frisbee in the air, start off small. Roll the Frisbee on the ground towards your dog. After getting over the strange object, he will instinctually want to grab it in his mouth. Once you've accomplished this, try tossing it — at a very low level first—to your dog. If you feel like your dog is ready to go to the next level, toss the disc a little higher and further, and so on and so forth.

Stay and Come

Another game that's great to enjoy with kids, this game is best suited for dogs who know how to "stay" and "come." All participants, both humans and dog, spread out in the backyard or park. One person is the game moderator. Instead of saying "red light" and "green light," the keywords will be "stay" and "come." The moderator will then call out the commands, which both humans and dog will have to follow. And give your dog a lot of praise and treats when they successfully do each command.

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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