



## Sunny weather and new beginnings - house and pet sit!

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

Spring has well and truly arrived! The weather is getting warmer, the days are getting longer for more walk time with our fur-pals and the Spring cleaning bug has already hit many of us.

We've included some practical tips about caring for your pet during Spring cleaning season as well as some interesting facts about pet sitting that may surprise you.

There are loads of events and celebrations to enjoy in October, so get out there and make the most of house and pet sitting by visiting some of these events if you're in the area.

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.

Embrace the adventures and new experiences of house and pet sitting and enjoy!

*Mindahome Team*



## Springtime care for your pet

With the arrival of Spring there are a few things to consider to ensure your pet enjoys the warm weather and Springtime fun.

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## Upcoming Events

- **Dogtober (National, October):** Dogtober is on again this month to raise much needed funds for Assistance Dogs Australia to train Labradors and Golden Retrievers to help people with disabilities.
- **RSPCA Happy Tails Day (National, October):** Celebrate the fur-ones you love throughout October and support the work of the RSPCA.
- **Walktober (National, 1-31 October):** Enjoy the Spring weather and get out there and walk this month for Walktober!
- **World Animal Day (International, 4 October):** This is a day to highlight the plight of endangered species. October 4 was chosen as World Animal Day as it is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.
- **Brimbank Pet and Animal Expo (VIC, 10 October):** Come and get involved in this community event and pick up a Mindahome flyer while you're there.
- **Aussie Backyard Bird Count (National, 19-25 October):** Join thousands of people to see just what birds are in your neighbourhood. All you need is 20 minutes, your favourite green patch and some keen eyesight (or binoculars!)
- **Sculpture by the Sea (NSW, 22 October – 8 November):** Visit Bondi in Sydney to enjoy some of the striking sculptures from more than 100 Australian and international artists that line the coast line during Sculpture by the Sea.



## House and pet sitting is like being on a holiday every day

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## 5 surprising facts about pet sitting

Thought you knew everything about pet sitting? Well check out some of these facts that could surprise you!

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

Check out these new top spots for house and pet sitting and send in your applications to make sure you're considered for these amazing positions. If you're after something different, there's a wealth of opportunities on the horizon - check them out [online](#).

### Location is everything at this house and pet sit in Shailer Park, QLD



This house and pet sit in Shailer Park in QLD has a lot to offer. A large open plan, four bedroom home on part acreage – with a pool - is just five minutes drive to the Logan Hyperdome, with shops, cinemas, restaurants, eateries and coffee shops. 30 minutes drive will find you at the Gold Coast, 15 minutes will take you to Morton Bay and 30 minutes will get you to Brisbane's CBD, so this is a great location to base yourself to explore the rest of the region during this 73 day house and pet sit. Three fur-children will be your companions during your stay, plus 12 chickens. All the animals enjoy personalised attention so an animal loving house sitter is a must. Find out more about this house and pet sit in Shailer Park in QLD from 27 October 2015 to 8 January 2016.

[More info...](#)

### Canine companions for a house and pet sit in Darlington, WA



If you're an animal loving couple – please apply! This house and pet sit involves the care of two beautiful Lakeland Terrier canines in Darlington, WA for 11 days. This large modern home offers a peaceful setting in which to enjoy some rest and relaxation and the Greenmount National Park is right across the road from this house and pet sit to explore. Your canine companions are friendly and enjoy human contact, so will be pleasurable company for this house and pet sit from 9 to 20 November 2015 in Darlington, WA.

[More info...](#)

### Acreage house and pet sit in Draper, QLD



Stay in this small acreage property just five minutes from Samford Village in Draper, QLD and enjoy the peace and quiet at this homestead with the company of two cats and a dog that loves to retrieve all day. You will have the benefit of broadband internet, air conditioning and the tranquil setting to immerse yourself in the surrounds. Check out this 14 day house and pet sit from 20 October 2015 to 3 November 2015 in Draper, QLD.

[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](mailto:admin@mindahome.com.au).

## Pet Corner



We know that our pets can reduce our stress and anxiety and encourage better overall health and wellbeing just by enticing us to get out of the house or walk with them.

But interestingly, the role that our pets play in knocking down social barriers and building community relationships is also quite an important one.

A study by the University of Western Australia's School of Population Health found that over 50% of dog owners and 40% of pet owners in general meet people in their neighbourhood as a result of their pet and over 80% of dog owners in general meet people to other people when out walking their dogs.

Research has also shown that pets provide owners with both psychological and physiological benefits and the majority of these people are healthier than those people without pets.

So we may be a social bunch of two-legged humans, but it seems our four-legged friends can give us that extra push to connect with others and stay healthy mentally and physically.

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).

