

## *Mindahome e-news*

*The latest news about pet care and house sitting across Australia*



### **Get organised this Spring and enjoy the sunshine!**

Welcome to Mindahome House and Pet Sitting's September e-news!

Spring has sprung and not only is it a time to get organised around the house, but it's also time to get organised and planning for the rest of the year.

Successfully securing a house and pet sitting position at a time and place that suits you, is all about proactively applying for positions quickly. In this issue of our e-news, we will have some tips and reminders about how to be a successful house and pet sitter and great ways to get organised and save, as well as some enjoyable things to do this Spring.

As always, be sure to check out our [positions listed across Australia](#) for your next house and pet sit, or search for one of our [great house sitters](#) for the next time you have to travel.

Happy house and pet sitting!  
*Mindahome Team*

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### **Don't miss out on that 'once in a lifetime' experience**

One Mindahome house sitter, Margaret, says that she has had the best time riding a quadbike through the dry bed of the Fortescue River near Newman in the Pilbara while house and pet sitting dogs and horses.

Are you missing out on something special when you don't apply for that house and pet sitting position straight away? Well, you needn't miss out any longer! Here are some tips to help you secure your next adventure.

- **Watch your emails:** Mindahome sends out regular emails about positions available in the areas that you have chosen. Be sure to stay on top of these and apply for suitable positions as soon as you see them - because they are sure to be snapped up!
- **Plan and organise:** If you're relying on positions for everyday living, then you may want to develop a calendar so that you know when positions start and finish. A calendar is also useful to give you deadlines for applying for positions.
- **Get your checks:** Home owners look favourably on house and pet sitters who have gone to the effort of getting a police check and also reviews from previous house sits. It gives them peace of mind and presents a good image from the moment the home owners views your profile. Mindahome's in-house review system makes getting feedback from your house sitting jobs easy!

### Featured House Sitter: Experience and a love of pets



Jane and Duncan are seasoned house and pet sitters and like to house and pet sit as a way to visit suburbs that they haven't visited before. Jane and Duncan both enjoy caring for pets during their house and pet sitting positions and often Skype pet owners so that they can see their pets while they are away.

They also send daily emails with photos, videos and updates of pets' activities to their owners. Jane and Duncan plan to travel the

country - and the globe - as house and pet sitters and share their experiences via their travel blog, To Travel Too. [Find out more about Jane and Duncan as house and pet sitters by viewing their profile.](#)

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### *Did you know?*

*Spring is one of the best times to travel in Australia, so get your positions locked in for some great house and pet sitting stays.*

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### Home security during a house and pet sit

You're excited and ready to go on your well deserved holiday, so for just that last little peace of mind, follow some of our tips about making sure [your home and pet are cared for](#) while you're away.

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### Lara and Zim's Spring Check List

Our mum and dad have started to clean again. It's around the same time every year, that they start cleaning windows and moving furniture and decluttering the year's worth of mess. Well, when this happens, we know it's time to start taking a few actions to prepare for the warmer weather. Here is our advice:

- **Check windows:** When the windows are being cleaned or opened up for freshness it's a good idea to keep away especially if you are upstairs, you don't want to slip and fall out!
- **Car Travel:** Having the wind in your face, with tongue flapping in the breeze is great when you're travelling in the car, but flying debris and insects could actually cause inner ear or eye injuries, which would really ruin your trip. Also nudge your human mum or dad to get you the right seatbelt harness, to keep you safe during the drive.
- **Stay away from cleaners:** Now, with all this cleaning going on, you may see some interesting bottles and packets around the house. As intriguing as they may be, stay away! They're probably cleaners filled with chemicals that won't do you any good.
- **In the garden:** We have some pretty sensitive noses, so if the backyard smells a little different one day, then it's probably best to try and stay

close to home. Mum or dad may have put down fertilisers or insecticides to make the garden grow better.

- **Sneezy, Wheezy:** Just like our human mum or dad, we can get allergies too. Usually your vet can diagnose an allergy and how to treat a snuffle or a sneeze.



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## Spring Festivals across Australia

If you're house and pet sitting this Spring, don't forget to check out some of the festivals in your area. Here are just a few for you to visit if you're in the region.

- [Floriade](#): 13 September - 12 October 2014: Commonwealth Park, Canberra, ACT
- [Ceduna Oysterfest](#): 4- 5 October 2014: Ceduna, SA
- [Bright Spring Festival](#): 18 October - 4 November 2014: Bright, VIC
- [Riverland Wine and Food Festival](#): 18 October 2014: Banks of the Murray River, SA
- [Whitehorse City Council's Spring Festival](#): 19 October 2014: Whitehorse, VIC
- [CheeseFest](#): 25 - 26 October 2014: Rymill Park, SA

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## This Months Top Spot for House and Pet Sitting

There are many house and pet sitting positions available across Australia. Take a look at this house and pet sit in Victoria or search for more [house and pet sitting opportunities](#) online.



### Check out this tranquil house and pet sit in Trentham East, Victoria

This rural property is set on 65 acres with a magnificent lake with bird life such as swans and ducks visible from the house. The home is a small log cabin with a modern interior with all the usual comforts. Two cats will require your care during your stay and if you like gardening there is a veggie garden for green thumbs. You will need your own transport and airport pick up and drop off will be required. Find out more about this unique 11 day [house and pet sit in Trentham East, Victoria](#) from 27 September to 11 October 2014.

*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). (Please note: Only positions with images on their advertisement will be featured)*

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