



## Happy New Year!

This is the first day of a year's worth of adventure! If this is going to be your year to travel, buy a house or pay off debts, then make the most of house and pet sitting and see your savings start to grow.

We want to help you have the best start to the year, so in this e-news, we've included tips to help you budget and save and ways to make the most of enjoying life for free!

And if you're already on a house and pet sit, enjoying the companionship of a furry, four legged friend, then check out the post from Dr Katrina Warren, [PAW by Blackmores](#) ambassador, about what to look out for when keeping dogs cool this summer.

Remember to refresh your profile and pictures online and review some of the [upcoming house and pet sits available](#) to start your year of saving.

From all of us at Mindahome House and Pet Sitting, we wish you an exciting and prosperous New Year!

*Mindahome Team*

## Recently Added Website Features



### Date range search

A popular request has been to be able to search the home owners lists by date and now we have incorporated a Date Range search option in Home Owners listings 'Advanced search'. [Try it out here.](#)

### Image swipe for touch screens

If an ad or profile has more than one image, people using touch screens can now swipe from image to image. The same thing can be achieved with standard screens by clicking on an image and pushing it to the side with your mouse pointer.

## Interesting reads...



### Making cents of your savings: 5 surprisingly easy steps to a wealthier you

Saving for specific goals takes some planning. Follow these simple steps to make sure you get the most out of your savings journey. [More...](#)



### House and pet sitting to save

If you haven't already realised, house and pet sitting allows you to enjoy more of life's little luxuries without financial worry. [More...](#)



### 7 tips for keeping your dog cool this summer

Ambassador for PAW by Blackmores has some great tips about keeping dogs cool



this summer. [More...](#)



### See Sydney for free

If you're in Sydney this summer, check out some of the ways you can see the city for free! [More...](#)

## Tell us about your house sitting adventures!

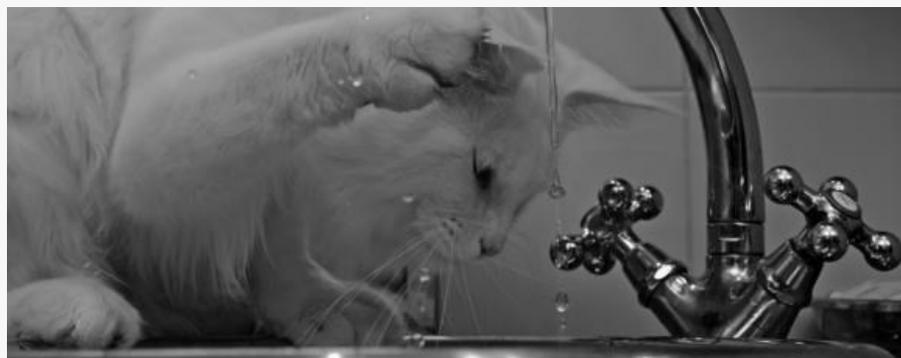
Have you saved thousands of dollars by housing and pet sitting? Do you work with animals and house and pet sit? Have you travelled to some amazing places around Australia and stayed rent free by house and pet sitting?

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



## What's on around the country...

- [Parkes Elvis Festival](#) (NSW, 11-15 January)
- [MONA FOMA](#) (TAS, 18-22 January)
- [Tamworth Country Music Festival](#)(NSW, 20-29 January)
- [Festival of Sails](#) (VIC, 21-24 January)
- [Tunarama](#) (SA, 25-29 January)
- [Australia Day](#)(National, 26 January)
- [Crush Festival](#)(SA, 27-29 January)
- Chinese New Year (National, 28 January)



## Caring for pets: Tips to keep pets safe this summer

Summer is the season to enjoy time with pets, but high temperatures and outdoor dangers could cause distress for your four legged friend. Here are a few tips to keep your pet safe, but be sure to research and plan for any dangers when venturing out with your pet.

- **Daily walks:** Avoid the middle of the day for daily walks, because this tends to be the hottest part of the day and also has the highest UV rating.
- **Keep coats long:** Although you would expect that a shorter coat will keep your pet cooler in summer, keeping their coat long actually provides better circulation and helps regulate body temperature, when hair is brushed and not matted.
- **Keep cool:** Use the air conditioning inside or keep windows open for good ventilation to keep temperatures down for you and your pet. Always keep clean, fresh and cool water available for your

pet. If pets show signs of heat exhaustion - heavy panting, dry or bright red gums, thick drool, vomiting, diarrhoea, or wobbly legs— take them to a cool place and place a damp towel over their body and get the pet to the vet as soon as possible.

- **Be aware of backyard dangers:** Keep your pets away from flowers such as lilies and azaleas and think about the insecticides that you are using on your plants. Also, never leave them unattended in the backyard pool.

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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