



## Choose a pet sitter in 2017 for personalised care and savings

Enjoy the rest of the summer with your furry, four legged companion and you'll be sure to bring a smile to both your faces!

Check out some tips in this e-news about great places to exercise with your dog and some sensible summer care tips.

Remember that you can [post positions for free online](#) and view a range of house and pet sitters that can care for your pet as if they were their own. Take some time to check out [house and pet sitter profiles online](#) for the next time you're away.

Enjoy your February adventures and tell your friends about the benefits of house and pet sitting.

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## Caring for pets: Keeping your pet safe at the beach

Summer is a wonderful time to get out to the beach with your furry, four-legged friend. We've picked up some tips from the [Animal Emergency Service](#) to make sure you are prepared with all the right gear and the right knowledge, to ensure you both have a fun, worry-free frolic in the sun and surf.

- **Check beach rules:** Make sure you check out the rules for having pets/dogs on the beach that you're visiting. There may be set times of the day that dogs are allowed and check whether your dog is allowed off the leash as well.
- **Bring a long leash:** If you have to keep your dog on leash, then go for a long lead - 5 metres should do the trick! It will allow your dog to have some freedom to bounce around in the surf and run around.
- **Slop on the sunscreen:** Dogs are just as vulnerable to the sun's rays as we are, so best to apply some sunscreen to their more exposed parts such as the nose, ears, belly and groin.
- **Keep water handy:** Our four legged friends can get very excited at the beach, so bring some fresh water for them to drink as a cool down and to keep hydrated.
- **Watch out in the water:** Although dogs are fairly good swimmers, they can also be caught up in rips and be hurt by underwater debris. Always keep an eye on your fur-buddy to make sure they are safe in the water.
- **Dry for another day:** Towel dry them after their time at the beach to make sure that the sand doesn't irritate their skin.

Have fun! Enjoy your time at the beach with your pet and spend some quality time with each other in a safe way.

We hope you have found **Mindahome House and Pet Sitting's e-news** informative and interesting.

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