Make 2017 your year of new experiences and new savings

2017 is definitely into full swing, so make the most of your house and pet sitting by getting in early to lock in positions.

Check out our tips in this e-news about how to improve your profile and win positions and if you're pet sitting this summer, some great places to take your new furry companions for some exercise.

There are some amazing house and pet sitting experiences to be discovered, so check them out online and start applying. You'll notice the difference as you start living rent free as a house and pet sitter in 2017!

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

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Have you saved thousands of dollars by house 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 adventures, so, if you have an interesting story to tell please get in touch via admin@mindahome.com.au.

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What's on around the country...

- **Feel Good February** (National, February)
- **National Multicultural Festival** (ACT, 17-19 February)
- **White Night Melbourne** (VIC, 18-19 February)
- **Adelaide Fringe Festival** (SA, 17 February - 19 March)
- **Perth International Arts Festival** (WA, 10 February - 5 March)

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.

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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