



## Make sure your feline companion gets the best

We're dedicating this month's e-news to all the cat lovers out there.

Here is your monthly dose of house and pet sitting news from across Australia, with a touch of feline fun and frivolity. We have called on our expert animal behaviourist, Dr Jo Righetti, to offer some insight into cat scratching and also shared with you one of our lovely home owner stories about their amazing cat sitter.

You're next time away may be the best time for your cat, with one of our responsible and reliable house and pet sitters there to give them personalised care. Find a [sitter that's right for you and your animal companion](#) online.

Enjoy time away with peace of mind... with a house and pet sitter.

*Mindahome Team*

## Interesting reads...



### Finding the right pet sitter for your four legged friend

Here is a magical story about how one house and cat sitter transformed a timid cat into a friend for life to the astonishment and relief of its owner. [More...](#)



### Cat Scratching

Thanks to our friend and animal behaviourist, Dr Jo Righetti, we can help you understand why cats enjoy scratching so you can save some of your most valuable possessions. [More...](#)



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

- Hug Your Cat Day (4 June)
- Vivid Sydney (NSW, 26 May - 17 June)
- Take Your Dog To Work Day (24 June)
- Melbourne International Jazz Festival (VIC, 2-11 June)
- Dark MOFO (TAS, 8-21 June)

- Barunga Festival (NT, 9-11 June)
- McLaren Vale Sea and Vines Festival (SA, 10-12 June)
- Truffle Kerfuffle (WA, 23-25 June)
- Alice Springs Beanie Festival (NT, 23-26 June)

## Caring for pets: Get Your Cat Ready for Winter



Whether your feline friend stays indoors or prefers to roam around outside, ensuring that cats are ready for the cooler weather will mean a happy kitty and a happy owner. Here are some tips from **Advantage Pet Care** to help prepare cats for winter.

- **Grow a Winter Coat:** Supplement your cat's diet with nourishing fatty acids by adding a dash of fish oil, soybean oil or canola oil to their pet food.
- **Play It Safe:** Screen fireplaces to keep your cat safe from soot, flames and embers.
- **Check, and Check Again:** Cats love to hide under car bonnets to keep warm, so before driving your car bang the bonnet to check your cat hasn't curled up for a sleep on a warm engine.
- **Be Aware of Your Cat's Behaviours:** Some cats suffer from arthritis which can be made worse during winter. Be mindful of your cat's behaviours and consult your vet if you feel they may have symptoms of arthritis. Gentle play is recommended which helps to warm up and loosen stiff joints.
- **Treat Frostbite Immediately:** If you feel that your cat may have frostbite, warm-up frostbitten areas fast by dipping them in warm water or by daubing them with warm towels and as frostbitten areas return to their normal colour, use a bandage or soft clean cloth to gently dry the affected area. Take your cat to the vet as soon as possible.

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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