



Happy Holidays from the Mindahome Team!

As 2017 comes to a close and we welcome in the New Year, we would like to thank each and every one of our home and pet owners for using Mindahome.com.au to find reliable house and pet sitters to care for your treasured homes and pets.

We hope that as a Mindahome home and pet owner you have been able to travel stress free and with the peace of mind that your pet has received personalised care in your absence.

If you've just planned a getaway over the Christmas and New Year period and need a reliable house and pet sitter, [list your position for free online](#) now - there are still [many sitters looking for positions](#) this festive season.

Remember to follow Mindahome on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for great information about travel, pet care and more!

Remember, we're always keen to hear about your experiences, so be sure to tag [@Mindahome](#) in your social posts.

Merry Christmas Travels and a Happy New Year!

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Interesting reads...



5 things to do before the pet sitter arrives

Engaging a pet sitter will mean that your pet receives personalised care while you're away. But to ensure your stress free vacation, there are a few things you need to do before the pet sitter arrives. [More...](#)



7 tips for keeping your dog cool this summer

We all love a trip to the beach or the park with our four-legged friend, but with the temperature rising, we really need to make sure our pets are safe and cool in the summer heat. [More...](#)



What's on around the country...

Manjimup Cherry Harmony Festival (WA, 9 December)

Taste of Tasmania Festival (TAS, 28 December - 3 January)

Caring for Pets: Safety During Firecracker Season



'Tis the season for celebration and welcoming in the New Year with a bang! But for our fur-kids, fireworks and loud noises just aren't as exciting as we humans may think. Here are some tips to keeping your pet safe during the festive season:

- **Identification:** Your first and top priority should be identification for your pet in the event that your pet may escape your property and become disoriented or lost. Having a collar or ID tag with contact details is always helpful and having your pet microchipped is highly recommended.
- **A Safe Place:** Give your pet access to a 'safe place' where they may feel more at ease. They may retreat under the bed or inside a wardrobe. Allow your pet to access their safe place to let them know that they will be undisturbed in this space.
- **Reassure Your Pet:** Never scold your pet for their behaviour during times of stress. Gently reassure them that you are there for them, but don't be too forceful if they don't respond to your initial reassurances.
- **Consult Your Vet:** If you're particularly concerned about how your pet may react this festive season, consult your vet for strategies or possibly medication that may help ease their stress during this time.

More information can be found at [RSPCA Victoria](#).

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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