



Happy New Year To Everyone!

2018 is here and what an amazing year it is set to be! The start of the year is a great time to take stock of all that is important and enjoy every minute of whatever life brings.

You may want to see more of the country, or experience the lesser known areas of your favourite destination. As much as we want to share all these special moments with our fur-kids, we understand that it's not always possible to take them along.

Our database of house and pet sitters are available across Australia to provide personalised care for your pet when you have to travel.

Pet owners spend upwards of \$500 million every year on boarding for their pets, but engaging a live-in pet sitter throughout Mindahome.com.au costs you nothing and ensures that your pet will be the centre of attention.

If you're planning some travel in 2018, browse the many house and pet sitters listed on Mindahome.com.au and [list your position for free](#).

Keep up to date with information about travelling and finding your ideal house and pet sitter via our [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed.

Welcome 2018 and Happy New Year to everyone!

Mindahome Team

Interesting reads...



Breaking Down the Costs of Pet Care

If you really want to know how much you can save by engaging a house and pet sitter instead of opting for a boarding facility, read our blog post with a breakdown of pet care costs. But it's not only the financial benefits that will attract you, it's also the peace of mind that your pet has personalised care while you're away. [More...](#)



Top 5 ways home owners can attract their ideal sitter

Want to know how you can attract the right sitter for your home and pet? Following some simple and practical tips with your position listing will make sure your position advertisement stands out above the rest. [More...](#)





LIVE RENT FREE

Mindahome Featured on Channel 9's Today Extra

Mindahome is regularly requested for media interviews about the benefits of house and pet sitting - for sitters and home and pet owners. We were recently invited to be featured on Channel 9's Today Extra program, along with our long time member, Heidi, to talk about how much can be saved by house and pet sitting and some tips and hints for first time sitters. Heidi has saved over \$50,000 in the past few years, but is a seasoned house and pet sitter with over 10 years of experience.

[Click here to see the full clip](#)



What's on around the country...

Sydney Festival (NSW, 6-28 January)

MOFO (TAS, 12-22 January)

Tamworth Country Music Festival (NSW, 19-28 January)

Crush Festival (SA, 26-28 January)

Caring for Pets: Pet Health During the Summer



The Australian summer is in full swing and it's best to take a few precautions when enjoying the great outdoors with your pet this summer season.

- **Pet-Friendly Spaces:** If you're planning a trip to the beach or the park, make sure they are pet-friendly spaces that allow dogs to share the space. You could be fined several hundred dollars if you take your pet into restricted areas, so do your research before you go.
- **Skin Care:** Your pet's skin can be quite sensitive, so ensure they have adequate shelter to retreat to in hotter weather and that you wash them down with clean water after a dip in the pool or the ocean, as pool chemicals and salt water may agitate their skin.
- **Be Mindful:** Searching for crabs and shells at the beach can be fun, but take care of rocks and sharp edges that may scratch or cause abrasions to your pet's paws or skin.

Read more on our blog about [keeping your dog cool this summer](#).

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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