

# Welcome to Happy House Sitters

#### About our service

Happy House Sitters is a service that introduces people who want to house sit with those who need a house & pet sitter while they are away. We have thousands of house sitters for you to choose from. You place a FREE ad on our site and then our registered house and pet sitters in your area will contact you, or if you prefer we can send you a list of sitters in your area for you to contact. You then interview the ones you like the sound of and choose the best person to sit for you and your pets.

Terms of the agreement must be negotiated between the homeowner and the sitter. We do not 'screen' the sitters, although most have police checks. It is up to you to choose the best person, you know the type of person you want better than we do. Remember, this is a completely FREE service to ALL house and pet owners. Our costs are covered by house sitter subscriptions.

### What's in it for the homeowner?

In return for rent free accommodation the homeowner has 'peace of mind'. You no longer have to worry about leaving your loved (and expensive) home empty and unsecured. You have the convenience of not having to remove all your belongings to rent out your house. If you need to come back earlier or later you have the flexibility that you would not have from a rental lease.

All the things you do around the house are taken care of. Pets are cared for, fed, walked and groomed. The lawns and garden are maintained and the pool is kept clean. All at no cost to the homeowner. All we ask is that when you have found someone you let us know.

## Who pays the bills?

Usually the sitter will pay the day to day bills more than one year, the sitter may agree to pay your fixed bills for that period.

#### Do I need to insure my home and contents?

Yes, these are valuable assets and should always be insured.

## Can I ask for a bond?

Yes, this is a reasonable request. The amount and where it is deposited, until your return should be negotiated with the house sitter. Some people deposit the amount in the home owners bank account and send Happy House Sitters a copy of a receipt signed by both parties. This ensures that there is 'third party' knowledge that the bond has been paid.



## Why do people want to house sit?

People house sit for many reasons. Most sitters registered with Happy House Sitters are professional couples aged 25-45 saving for their first home, people renovating their own homes and have to move out while the builders are working, or are retired people travelling around Australia. All are pet lovers.

All sitters have paid to register with Happy House Sitters and are keen to impress. They would of course appreciate other house sit offers in the future. I am sure you will be more than satisfied with the choice of sitters available. Please read some references & testimonials on our web site www.happyhousesitters.com.au.

### When choosing a house sitter.

• Choose someone you feel you can trust and like. It's sometimes a good idea to meet them a few times. Most people are genuine but it's better to be safe

- Negotiate the terms of the arrangement and put it in writing.
- Ask for references.

Please read the 'house sitting agreement' and discuss and sign with the house sitter.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Happy House Sitter hunting....

Kind Regards

Malcolm & Ruth Myers

Happy House Sitters

Disclaimer:

Happy House Sitters does NOT 'screen' anyone who lists with us. Happy House Sitters does not accept any responsibility and makes no endorsement, warranty or representation as to the qualifications or credentials of any person listed with our service.

All persons listed with Happy House Sitters are independent of and not in anyway to be considered employees or agents of Happy House Sitters. With the exception of an error or omission made in compiling these listings, all information is supplied to Happy House Sitters and no responsibility is accepted for the truthfulness of said information.

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