

Happy House Sitters

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Dear Happy House Sitters

Hi Malcolm,

We are in the position of having a son & daughter-law in Melbourne & a daughter & son-law in far nth W A (Karratha) so naturally we want to catch up with as often as possible . We decided to sell the family home, keep our rental property to eventually come back to (when we settle down) buy a nice big caravan & spend our time between the 2 places.

While we were in Melbourne we were lucky enough to be offered 2 places to look after so that saved us a lot of money in park fees for those months & when our daughter rang to tell us the good news that she was going to have a baby we were thrilled but the only problem was that she was going to Perth to have it & would we come & stay with her ??

Well we needed somewhere to live !!! That's where your website came in !!!

We joined & watched every week if something suitable to our dates was advertised & yes there was one available exactly what we wanted in the Swan Valley 50 kms from Perth !!!

We did our home work & checked out freeways etc how to get to the hospital when the time came & we applied for the position !!

Had an answer almost immediately & the people sounded great & most obliging..

Our Daughter, son-in-law & any other family that was coming over from the East were most welcome to stay & we were to use the house as our own as long as the 2 dogs, 6 chooks, & the birds were looked after ill

We had great chats over the phone, quite a few emails & by the time we got to Perth had struck up a friendship

The property was fantastic, 5 acres & plenty of room for our van ..

The house was extremely comfortable & homely & we immediately felt "at home"

We spent a couple of days with our hosts before they left so we would know the "ropes" & then drove them to the airport & waved them off on their o/s trip !!!

We indeed did have quite a few visitors from the East & we were able to house them all..

The dogs were just delightful & adopted us as their own, sitting on our laps every night whilst we were watching tv . When our daughter & new grand daughter came out of hospital they were able to come "home" to us before flying back up north .

We made sure that house & garden were up to scratch when our host arrived home & we had a lovely dinner & evening with them before we set off on our travels again up north .

We thoroughly enjoyed our time exploring Perth & surrounds, having our visitors & just generally relaxing in a very comfortable house..

The cost would have been enormous for us if we had of had to stay in a caravan park & our family would have also had to hire on site cabins etc.

Our host were extremely pleased with everything & although we did offer them some re-embursment seeing we had people staying they wouldn't hear of it as they could see how happy the dogs etc were ill

They have even asked us if we would like to come back in 2007 & do it all again in

We will certainly keep it in mind ..

So you can see that not only do you save money but also build up new friendships '!!

We are constantly in touch via email or phone & we are sure this will remain so!!!

Thanks Happy House Sitters. It was great!!!

Regards Ann & John de B [REDACTED]