



WHERE CAN YOU FIND SITTING OPPORTUNITIES?

There isn't one perfect platform for everyone. Some specialise in a particular country; others offer opportunities internationally. Some have free registration, while others require a paid annual membership to apply (although you can often browse before joining).

Start by looking where you actually want to sit.

Membership prices and features checked in October 2026. Prices are in each platform's local currency, where indicated. Always confirm current pricing, availability in your country, fees and membership conditions directly with the platform before paying.

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND



Aussie House Sitters

Australia-focused house and pet sitting. Sitter membership: **AUD \$89 for 12 months**. No automatic subscription. Offers reductions for long-term members.

My referral code for a \$10 discount: M2Y43H

Website: www.aussiehousesitters.com.au



Mindahome Australia

Australian house-sitting listings, location alerts, a sitter profile and optional ID verification. Sitter membership: **AUD \$69 for 12 months**.

Website: <https://mindahome.com.au>



The House Sitters (Australia)

An established Australian house-sitting community. Browse available sits before joining. Membership: **AUD \$60 annually or \$7.95 monthly**, plus a one-time \$10 account security fee on the monthly plan.

Website: www.housesitters.com.au



Kiwi House Sitters

New Zealand-focused house and pet sitting, with location alerts and a sitter guidebook. Sitter membership: **NZD \$89 for 12 months**.

My referral code for a \$10 discount: M9ZLDJ

Website: www.kiwihousesitters.co.nz

UNITED STATES & CANADA



House Sitters America

US-focused house and pet sitting, with location alerts and the option of rent-free or paid sits. Sitter membership: **US \$49 for 12 months**.

Website: www.housesittersamerica.com



House Sitters Canada

Canadian house and pet sitting, with profiles, reviews, ID verification options and location alerts. Sitter membership: **CAD \$59 for 12 months**.

Website: www.housesitterscanada.com

UNITED KINGDOM & EUROPE



House Sitters UK

UK-focused house and pet sitting, with opportunities for people looking to stay in homes while caring for pets. Sitter membership: **GBP £29 for 12 months**.

Website: www.housesittersuk.co.uk



Nomador

An international house-sitting platform with opportunities across multiple countries. Free registration includes browsing listings, a profile, messaging and alerts; paid plans unlock additional features. Check the current plan options and prices before subscribing.

Website: www.nomador.com

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES



HouseCarers

An international house-sitting community connecting homeowners and sitters. Limited free membership is available; full sitter membership is **US \$50 annually** and is required to apply for sits.

Website: www.housecarers.com



Trusted Housesitters

An international house- and pet-sitting platform with opportunities across multiple countries. Paid membership is required to arrange sits, + a per-sit “booking fee” for both the homeowner and house sitter (unless on their most expensive Premium membership).

I was with THS for many years but left following a management buyout by private equity investors and subsequent changes to the terms and conditions imposed by them.

Website: www.trustedhousesitters.com

ASIA

House sitting doesn't appear to be as well established across much of Asia as it is in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, and North America. In some communities, people may be more likely to ask friends or family to look after their pets while they're away.

That doesn't mean house sitting doesn't happen, though. From what I've seen, you're more likely to come across opportunities in places with established expat communities, such as Bali, where international residents may be familiar with the house-sitting concept.

If Asia is on your travel wish list, don't rule it out. Just be prepared to do a little more digging to find opportunities, and check what's available in your intended destination before making plans around a house sit.

WHAT ABOUT PAID PET SITTING?

Not everyone wants to exchange pet care for accommodation. If you'd prefer to earn money for your work, pet-sitting platforms may be worth investigating too.



Rover

Paid pet-care services, including house sitting, boarding and dog walking, where available. Sitters set their rates, subject to platform rules and fees.

Website: www.rover.com



Pawshake

Paid pet care, including house sitting, home visits, boarding and dog walking in supported countries. Sitters set their rates; the platform deducts its contribution from bookings.

Website: www.pawshake.com

Aunty Kaz's tip: House sitting exchanges and paid pet sitting are different arrangements. Choose the one that suits your goals, circumstances, and preferred way of travelling or working.

YOUR PLATFORM RESEARCH CHECKLIST

Don't pay for a membership just because someone else recommends it. Investigate whether that platform has the opportunities that **you** are looking for.



1. Check the platform's listings

- ☐ Choose two or three platforms and compare them.
- ☐ Can I browse listings before paying?
- ☐ Are there enough sits in my preferred locations?
- ☐ Are suitable dates available when I want to travel?
- ☐ Are there sits of the length I'm looking for?
- ☐ Are the pets and responsibilities a good fit for me?
- ☐ Are listings recent, and do homeowners appear responsive?



2. Compare the real costs

- ☐ What is the membership fee in my own currency?
- ☐ Is it an annual fee, monthly sub, or one-off payment?
- ☐ Any additional booking, service, or verification fees?
- ☐ Does the membership renew automatically?
- ☐ What happens if I cancel or don't renew?
- ☐ For paid pet sitting, what percentage does the platform deduct from my earnings?



3. Investigate the features

- ☐ Can I create a profile and upload references?
- ☐ Can homeowners contact me directly?
- ☐ Are location alerts available?
- ☐ Are identity checks available/included?
- ☐ Are reviews and references visible?
- ☐ What customer support is available?
- ☐ Does the platform offer insurance, guarantees or cancellation protection? What are the exclusions and conditions?



4. When making your decision

Before you commit, ask yourself:

- ☐ Which platform has the best opportunities for **my** preferred locations and dates?
- ☐ Which one offers the features I **actually** need?
- ☐ Can I justify the membership cost based on the opportunities available?
- ☐ Would joining a second platform give me worthwhile additional options?



Compare your shortlist

MY COMPARISON	PLATFORM A	PLATFORM B	PLATFORM C
Country/region			
Membership cost			
Extra fees			
Suitable listings found			
Useful features			
Overall verdict			

FACEBOOK

There are hundreds (if not thousands – or more) of house-sitting groups on Facebook. Some focus on particular countries, regions, or cities, while others cater to international house sitters.

Unlike dedicated house-sitting platforms, Facebook groups are generally free to use. However, there are a few catches!

You have to be in the right place at the right time. There are no dedicated search filters to narrow opportunities by location, dates, or pets. You can search posts manually, but you'll need to keep an eye on the groups and spot suitable sits before someone else does.

You're responsible for your own due diligence. Don't assume homeowners or sitters have been verified just because they're group members. Check references, ask questions, and make sure the arrangement is legitimate before committing.

Read the group rules. Some groups allow homeowners to advertise sits freely; others have restrictions on where you can post, how you can respond or what information you can share. Some are intended for particular countries or regions, so make sure you're joining groups relevant to your travel plans.

There's no dedicated platform support. If something goes wrong, there's no customer support team to help resolve disputes. Group administrators may help with group-related issues, but they're not responsible for your sit.

Is Facebook suitable for first-time sitters?

It can be, **but proceed with caution** if you're just starting out.

Facebook is still a great way to connect with the house-sitting community, learn from experienced sitters and discover opportunities. Join relevant groups, but don't rely on Facebook alone if you're serious about finding house sits.

AUNTY KAZ'S FINAL WORD

You don't have to join every platform. Start with the one that looks the most promising for you, build a strong profile, and see how you go. You can always expand your options later.

I often see sitters recommending one particular global platform simply because it seems to have the most listings. (It also appears to have the most expensive membership fees.) But more does not necessarily equal best.

And here's the thing: **you only need one sit at a time.**

Also remember: a platform can help you find opportunities, but it can't guarantee you'll be selected for a sit or secure paid work.

Happy sitting! 🐾