

# The Housesitter's Guide to the Galaxy The Essential Edition

House & Pet Sitting for Beginners



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## About

Discover how housesitting can revolutionise your travel while living rent-free and caring for pets worldwide. Former police investigator Jessica Holmes shares insider secrets from 35+ housesits across eight countries, proving that sustainable, affordable travel is more meaningful, immersive, and rewarding than traditional tourism. This completely updated edition provides practical, battle-tested advice on standing out in a competitive market, reading listings like a pro, working remotely while caring for pets, and navigating international pet care logistics. From crafting winning profiles to handling visa complexities, Holmes delivers honest, humorous guidance drawn from three years of full-time nomadic living. Perfect for eco-conscious travellers, digital nomads, pet lovers, gap year students, and anyone seeking affordable alternatives to hotels – with accommodation costing as little as £1 per night whilst reducing your carbon footprint by up to 80%.

## Key Selling Points

- Completely updated edition with three years of additional real-world experience
- Practical advice from 35+ housesits caring for 65+ pets across eight countries
- Dual perspective: guidance for both housesitters AND homeowners
- Environmental focus: sustainable travel reducing carbon footprint by up to 80%
- Financial benefits: accommodation for less than £1 per night
- Author credibility: Senior Editor at *Nomad Magazine*, speaking at the Cheltenham Literature Festival, 2024 and 2025.

## Target Audience

*Eco-conscious travellers* | *Digital nomads* |  
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