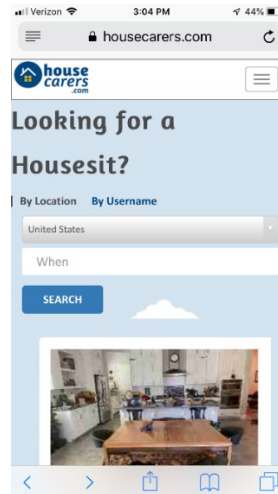
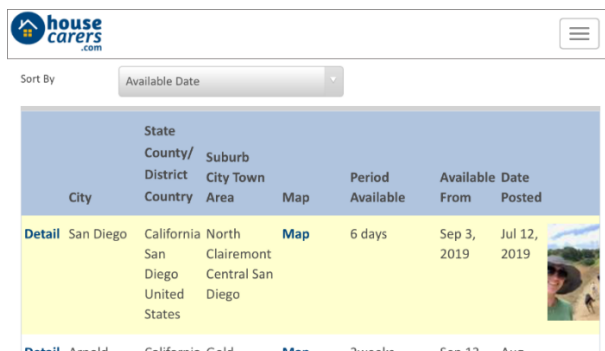


House-sitting Websites I Have Used

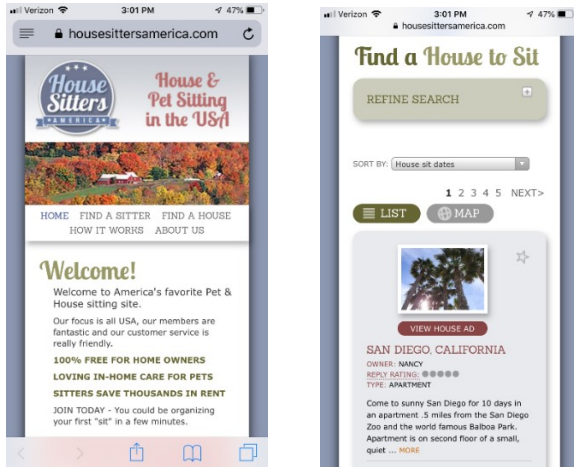
The first housesitting job I got was through [Housecarers.com](https://www.housecarers.com). Back in 2009, I believe it was still a site where I, as the sitter, got paid. Many more sites have popped up in 14 years and most are an ‘even exchange’, which means **you don’t get paid** to sit but you don’t pay the homeowner rent. Housecarers.com has followed suit and the sitters don’t get paid. I belonged to this site until Covid stopped everything and have not renewed yet. They have listings in multiple countries. *Free to homeowners. Annual membership for sitters: \$50 US.*



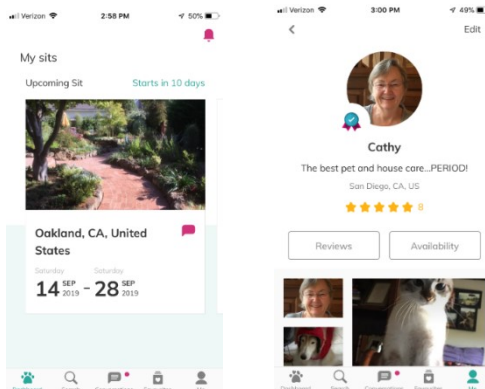
Another site I have used is [MindMyHouse.com](https://www.mindmyhouse.com). The membership is reasonably priced, and they have a sizable number of listings in multiple countries, but I didn’t like the way they posted their listings. I had communicated with them to complain the listings don’t show the dates of the sits so sitters can quickly, easily and efficiently search for openings. A listing would show ‘7 nights from August 2019’ but I’d have to open the listing to find the actual dates. I search so often that I try to only open ones that would fit the ‘when and where’ I’m looking for. They announced they were renovating their sight and making changes so I kept my fingers crossed that the date issue would change. It now allows you to sort your search results by date listed, date available, duration, etc, but unless the homeowner includes the dates in their title, you still have to open each listing to see dates. *Free to homeowners. Annual membership for sitters: \$29 US*



One I was using before Covid was [HousesittersAmerica.com](https://www.housesittersamerica.com). They are affiliated with [HousesittersUK.com](https://www.housesittersuk.com) and [HousesittersCanada.com](https://www.housesitterscanada.com) (I am a member of both), as well as [AussieHousesitters.com](https://www.aussiehousesitters.com) and [KiwiHousesitters.com](https://www.kiwihousesitters.com) and others. Most of the websites all look the same as far as layout and design but individually managed and with separate membership fees. Each is specific to the country it's for. The nice part is that once you have your profile on one, you can have it and your referrals transferred to another once you join it. *Free to homeowners. Annual membership for sitters: \$49 US for HSA, \$59 Canadian for HSC, 29 sterling pounds for HSUK.*



My favorite housesitting site is [TrustedHousesitters.com](https://www.trustedhousesitters.com). They are based in the UK, have listings all over the world, are more expensive to join, but offer three plans. The more expensive plans offer dedicated member support, an Insurance Backed Guarantee of damage, theft and liability coverage for members, and a free background check so 'Pet Parents' don't wonder about your past. I like how they post listings and the information the homeowners provide. But I do have one issue with them: If I am just looking at the site or the daily emails I get with new listings, they are in the order they were posted by the homeowners, not in chronological order by the dates of the sits. If I do a search for sits in a certain area and include a range of dates, then I can get it more in order, which I believe they improved on. *Annual basic membership for homeowners and sitters: \$129 US; next is \$199 for Pet Parents and \$169 for sitters; highest is \$259 for either and allows you to use the site as a sitter and a Pet Parent. Check the site for the various benefits of each plan.*



There are other sites out there and some may be very good. But I must watch my spending on annual memberships and had to draw the line somewhere. If those I use start to diminish in their effectiveness, I will look for others to replace them.

There are some that still find you *paid jobs* like **Care.com**, **Rover.com** and now **WagWalking.com** (known as Wag!). I have tried both former ones and they are not good fits for me. First, they tend to match people who live in the area to a homeowner and are not geared to a traveler. Care.com had changed their membership payment method in about 2017. They wanted sitters to buy credits and then use credits to apply to jobs the homeowners posted. Even if you didn't get the job, you lost some of the credits. I dropped my membership. I don't know if they still do it that way.

Rover.com does not post openings the sitters can search. The homeowners search through the sitter profiles and contact you. I only ever got one job that way in San Diego which turned into a recurrent gig. Since I'm not pet sitting to earn income, I also dropped that site. Likewise, I'm not doing daily dog walks and not looking to get paid for staying overnight, so I have not tried working for Wags. Of course there are more and more popping up all the time.