

# Introducing ... Your Proximate House Carers: Andrew, Dave (and Mela)

## House-caring in:

- Mexico
- Canada
- New Zealand
- United States



- Responsible
- Clean
- Detailed
- Trustworthy
- Dedicated

### Who We Are

Andrew is 29 years old. He comes from the Bay of Plenty, New Zealand. After graduating from university, he has worked as an environmental planner for local authorities in New Zealand and as an urban designer for a consultancy in Edmonton, Canada. He currently teaches English as a second language in Guadalajara, Mexico. He can speak Spanish, and likes going to the gym, reading, and taking Mela for walks.

Dave is 54 years old. He comes from a small town called Coarsegold in California, half-way between Fresno and Yosemite National Park. He has held many jobs, including youth camp director, computer game quality assurance, and for the past 18 years his own computer repair business. He currently creates and maintains websites while living in Guadalajara, Mexico. He is learning Spanish, and likes coin collecting, watching TV shows, and exploring new places.

Mela is a small, friendly, intelligent and lovable dog. She was adopted as a baby smaller than your hand, and is now a wonderful part of our family. She is well-trained and likes to play with other dogs (but more wary of cats). She has short hair, sheds little, and likes to clean herself like a cat. She enjoys fetching Frisbees, going for walks, and sleeping in the sun.

We don't smoke or do drugs. Dave doesn't drink

### When & Where we can Care for your House

We are tentatively based at the San Jose del Tajo RV Park in Guadalajara, Mexico at the moment, but are available to house-sit elsewhere in Mexico, or in the United States or Canada if it fits our schedule.

For July 2011 we will be visiting family and friends back in New Zealand. We can meet you face-to-face in the southwest United States around this time.

Before November 2011 we are available to care for your house and pets in Mexico. We can offer house/pet care services in the following areas:

- Central Colonial Towns: Zacatecas, Guanajuato, San Miguel de Allende, etc.
- Jalisco: Guadalajara and nearby areas.
- Michoacan: Morelia, Patzcuaro, etc.

From Nov/Dec 2011 to March/April 2012 (negotiable) we will be available to care for your house and pets in British Columbia or Alberta, Canada. We can offer house/pet care services in the following areas:

- Vancouver and the Sunshine Coast
- Vancouver Island
- The Rockies, Kootenays, Shuswap and other mountain areas.
- Calgary, Edmonton or surrounding areas.

alcohol; Andrew drinks a little on occasion. We won't host parties in your house. We will keep it spic and span.

Dave was an on-site caretaker for a 205 acre property with five buildings in central California for 14 years. We are active participants in the [www.couchsurfing.org](http://www.couchsurfing.org) community. We have stayed in other people's houses while travelling, even when the hosts were away, and we have also been hosts. Please check out our Couchsurfing profiles to read the many positive references and vouchsafes we have from all over the world. Personal and work references for both of us are also available on request.

We have both owned homes and land before, and will look after your home even better than if it were our own.

For more information about us, please check out our website, or email us with any questions you have.

We are also open to house-sitting opportunities in the western United States: New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming.

We require broadband internet access (for work), electricity (for comfort), and access to your property for our Honda Civic (for mobility). Beyond that, we are very flexible as to where and what we house-care.

We have a motorhome. If you are in Mexico, we would like to park the motorhome at or near your property. This would give us peace of mind. Also if you needed to move back to your house in the middle of our house-caring assignment, we would just move back into the motorhome to be out of your hair.

If you are in Mexico, we would love to meet you in person. If you are in Canada, a meeting in person may be more difficult; however we can video-call on Skype.

### Services We Provide

- Keeping your home and property occupied, safe and secure. Dave works from home, and Andrew also has some online work contracts, so at least one of us is home most of the time.
- General clean-up: yard work, cleaning of all areas, repairs if things go wrong, etc.
- Filing, scanning and emailing your mail, or forwarding mail to you while you are away.
- Feeding, walking, cleaning, medicating (if needed) and giving attention to your pets. We love cats, dogs, and most other pets, and will give them the attention and care they deserve.
- Payment of utilities, maintenance, and other expenses on your behalf.

### Dave and Andrew: A Short History

We became friends online through a gay Christian community group, and met in person at the Calgary Rodeo in June 2008. After dating long-distance for six months, Dave came to New Zealand to meet my family and see the country. We agreed to move to Mexico to start our life together. Our commitment ceremony was held in Oakhurst, California on June 13, 2009. Photos are on our website.

Since moving to Guadalajara in April 2009 we have enjoyed living the easy life here. We've been lucky enough to travel to a number of places in Mexico and the U.S., and Europe in the winter of 2009/10.

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