



### Engage house and pet sitters

Some of you may have seen Mindahome's co-founder, Sue Coombs, talking to Andrew O'Keefe and Monique Wright on [Channel 7's Weekend Sunrise](#) recently.

Sue talked about the many benefits to home owners for engaging a house and pet sitter over using a boarding facility - the personalised care, reduced stress for your pet, not to mention the financial benefits of not paying peak rates for pet care.

If you are planning to travel during the second half of this year, then browse [the range of house and pet sitter profiles](#) available to find the one that's right for you.

Enjoy your June travels and the peace of mind that your home and pet are receiving the best care.

*Mindahome Team*

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### Mindahome on Channel 7 Sunrise

Sue Coombs, co-founder of [Mindahome.com.au](#), was recently interviewed on Channel 7's Weekend Sunrise and spoke about some of the many financial benefits of engaging and house and pet sitter. Watch the clip!

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My little dog,  
a heartbeat at  
my feet

- Edith Wharton

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## Caring for pets: Bird Care



Welcoming a feathery friend into your home usually means a five to ten year commitment, so it's best to do your research about what type of bird you would like, whether you want to be able to teach the bird some tricks, and the size of the space you have available for the bird.

**RSPCA Victoria** has outlined some of the things to consider before purchasing a pet bird and also some really good tips to care for birds.

- **Housing:** Ideally, bird should have housing that allows them to still retain freedom of movement and flight similar to being in the wild. Cages vary in size and the size of the bird should dictate the dimensions of the cage it requires. Cages should be positioned in a well lit, sunny area where birds will have regular human contact. During evenings, the cage should be covered over to allow the bird to rest and protect it from draughts. If outside, the cage should be protected from predators and other wild birds and in a place that has some shade.
- **Handling:** Getting a bird accustomed to being handled is important, should the need ever arise for them to be examined for ill health. With patience and perseverance, begin by getting the bird used to being handled in the cage and then they will slowly become finger-tame and will eventually be able to sit on your finger outside of the cage.
- **Talking:** Regular talking to your bird - even budgerigars - can result in your bird learning to talk. Talk to the bird directly, using the same word over and over. Once the bird has learnt one word, new words may be achieved.
- **Feeding:** Specially prepared seed mixes should be part of your bird's diet. Green foods and fruit can also supplement the bird's diet. Cuttlefish bone should be available in every cage to provide many trace minerals required by birds and fresh water is essential.

We hope you have found **Mindahome House and Pet Sitting's e-news** informative and interesting.

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