



Helping pets and the people
who love them find each
other and **Stay Together.**

RENTING WITH YOUR PET

Tried and true tips and strategies for finding a home for you and your pet.



Give yourself time!

There are plenty of dog friendly landlords out there, but it can take weeks to find the rental you need. You must be resourceful and persistent.



Be understanding!

The landlord may have had bad experiences with pets in the past. Your polite, calm, can-do attitude can make all the difference in helping a property owner decide if they want to hear the solutions you're going to offer them.



Letters of recommendation can go a long way! Consider asking previous landlords, trainers, veterinarians, and neighbors to explain how well liked your dog is and how responsible you are.



First impressions count!

It can help in some cases to bring your well trained pet with you to meet the landlord. Leave them with a friend outside while you introduce yourself. Can't bring your pet? Have a video of them on your phone and offer to share it.



Consider purchasing your own Renter's Insurance or offering an additional pet deposit- these will cover your pet and let prospective landlords know you mean business.



PET RESUME

Make an eye catching resume to give to potential landlords. Be sure to include:

- Letters of recommendation.
- Dog's health status: Spay/Neutered? Vaccinated? Name and contact of your veterinarian.
- Describe arrangements you make for your dog while you're at work (crate trained? doggy daycare?) or away on vacation.
- Describe how and where you exercise your dog.
- Describe how you plan to take care of the property.



ALWAYS BE HONEST

Never try to hide your pet or sign a lease that doesn't allow pet. You're much safer if you stay honest and if you have the landlord add your pet's name and breed to the lease. If you decide to hide your pet, you're at the mercy of ill-informed neighbors who might turn you in! Landlords are more likely to evict dogs when they're pressured by neighbors or if they're caught off guard.

Breed Issues? Confirm your dog's breed through a DNA test and provide a copy to your landlord. Many mixed breed dogs are mislabeled.



BE AN AWESOME TENANT

Lay rugs down to avoid scratching the hardwoods. Use a dog crate to prevent unexpected damage, like chewed door frames or urine marking while you're away at work. Pick up after your dog. Don't let them bark non-stop or annoy others. Don't let them run loose. Let willing neighbors meet your well behaved pet so they can support you in your ownership. Make it your mission to help them realize you're a thoughtful, responsible dog owner with a well loved pet and your landlord will happily give you a great reference for your next rental.