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Renting with Pets



A Tenant's Guide to Renting with a Dog

Finding Dog-Friendly Rental Accommodation

There are some property owners who actually prefer to rent to certain dog owners. Many of the qualities found in a responsible dog guardian are the same characteristics found in good tenants.

It takes a responsible person to properly care for a dog. A well behaved and well cared for dog indicates to the property owner that you are more likely to also take care of the property.

When looking for a place for you and your dog, its worth remembering that it will take time. If you can show that you are a responsible dog guardian, it could work in your favour with the landlord.

Many strata title properties do not permit dogs because of specific body corporate rules. Check this out first if the rental property you are looking at is a strata title development.

What Makes Landlords Say Yes to Pets?

Impress your potential landlord with your knowledge and practice of responsible dog guardianship.

Provide a file which includes the desexing, vaccination and training records, along with your dog's health certificate from your vet.

If possible, provide written references from former landlords, neighbours and dog trainer.

Offer to pay an additional bond to cover costs in the unlikely event that your dog actions result in some property damage.

Encourage your potential landlord to meet your well-groomed and well-behaved dog.

Offer to sign an agreement which details your responsibilities such as removal of all pet waste, keeping the premises clean and free from animal odours and hair.

Provide details of your dog's daily play and exercise aimed at preventing your dog from becoming bored or destructive.

Your Dog's Resumé

Your dog's resumé will give you an opportunity to display your dog's best qualities as well as examples of your high levels of responsibility and commitment. These are qualities often found in reliable tenants.

The resumé can include:

The age, activity level, breed traits and any other characteristics that makes your dog a 'good tenant'.

If your dog is quiet or less active, point that out. If you have an active dog, explain how you will meet his /her exercise needs.

Details of who cares for your dog if you have to be away for a long period during the day or are going away on holidays.

Include your file of health and training records and references.



A Sample Dog Resumé

Description:

Jess is a friendly, well behaved dog. She is a four year old Collie cross. We have had her since she was a puppy and she is a much loved member of our family.

Training:

Jess is house-trained and responds to voice commands such as sit, come and stay. Jess is not a barker but will alert us to strangers.

Activities:

Jess is walked daily and often twice a day. While we are at work, Jess sleeps or plays with her food chew toys. We don't leave Jess alone for long periods.

Health/Grooming:

Jess is desexed, vaccinated and healthy. We brush Jess to remove any loose hair and use products to prevent fleas. On occasions, Jess is professionally groomed.

About Us:

We are responsible and committed dog guardians. We always clean up after our dog and make sure she is not a nuisance to anyone. We are reliable and committed.

References:

Please see attached letters of recommendation from our previous landlord/neighbours and other relevant documentation.

This resumé is adapted from information provided by
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