

Pet Retention Services



Finding Pet Friendly Housing

Moving soon? It can be challenging to find rental housing that accepts all pets, regardless of their breed or size. These tips and resources may help increase your chances of success.

Tips

- **Give yourself enough time:** Moving is never easy, finding a new rental that allows pets can make it even more stressful. If possible, start your search for a new residence at least 3 months before you plan to move.
- **Filter your search to pets allowed rentals only:** Limit your search to properties that allow pets and avoid rentals that say "No Pets Allowed".
- **Be prepared with temporary housing:** It's important to keep in mind you may not be able to find pet-friendly housing right away. If possible, have a temporary back-up plan in place. Ask a family member or friend if they would be willing to care for your pet(s) on a temporary basis until you can find housing that allows pets.
- **Show an interest in cleanliness.** When speaking with a potential landlord or property manager, make sure to point out that your pet is housetrained or litter-box trained. Affirm with the property manager/landlord that you always dispose of your pet's waste.
- **Promote yourself.** Remind the property manager/landlord that pet owners make amazing residents! Pet owners have to search harder to find a residence that will accept their pets and so pet owners are more likely to renew their lease. This benefits the property manager/landlord through lower vacancy rates that will lead to lower costs and fewer headaches for them.
- **Promote your pet.** If the property Manager is hesitant, offer to bring your pet to meet them, or extend an offer for them to meet your pet in your current home.
- **Be willing to pay a little extra.** Keep in mind that most rentals require an extra pet security deposit that will be used to cover any damages your pet might make while living at the property. Pet deposits and monthly fees (if any) should be specified in writing in the lease.
- **Get it in writing.** Once permission has been given for you to have your pet by a landlord, or property manager, make sure to get the approval in

writing. Sign a pet addendum to your rental contract. Make sure to keep a copy of your lease/pet addendum stored in a safe place in the event it is needed.

- **Get permission for all types of pets, not just dogs:** Never assume that cats, or caged pets will be accepted because no one else will see them. You will want to get the OK from the property Manager or landlord and sign a pet addendum. This will prevent issues down the road.
- **Be Honest:** Never try to sneak a pet onto the property. This can lead to possible eviction and/or legal action.

Pet Friendly Housing Resources

These housing resources all allow you to filter by a number of settings, including pets allowed!

- [Zillow](#) - Search by address, neighborhood, city, zip code, price, number of bedrooms/bathrooms, home type, move in date, and amenities.
- [Trulia](#) - Search by price, number of bedrooms/bathrooms, rental type, and amenities.
- [Rent.com](#) - Search by price, and number of bedrooms/bathrooms.
- [Apartmentguide](#) - Search by maximum price, number of bedrooms/bathrooms, and amenities.
- [Myapartmentmap](#) - Search by price, size, number of bedrooms/bathrooms, and amenities.
- [Apartmentlist](#) - Search by neighborhood, price, and size. Each property listing includes which pets are allowed.
- [Hotpads](#) - Search by neighborhood, price, size, and amenities.
- [Zumper](#) - Search by price, number of bedrooms/bathrooms, rental type, deals, properties available to rent “now”, and amenities.