

The Myths vs. the Facts About Pets in Rentals

Myth: If I allow one pet in a rental I have to allow pets in ALL of the rentals.

Fact: By using precautions and having a set procedure you can successfully weed out the irresponsible people without penalizing the responsible owners.

Myth: More than one animal per rental is too many.

Facts: Most animals are social animals and do best when living with a companion. Sometimes when an animal is alone, without companionship, they become bored which can lead to destructiveness.

Myth: It is preferable to rent to people with small dogs rather than big dogs.

Fact: Many larger dogs tend to be quite laid back. Older, larger dogs can be much less active and easier to housetrain.

Myth: Cats must be de-clawed to prevent destruction of the unit.

Fact: De-clawing a cat may lead to behavior problems. The procedure is painful and may lead to chronic pain and depression. Teaching a cat how to use a scratching post is the ideal solution rather than de-clawing.

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A Pet Owner's Guide to Renting a Home



A Tenant's Guide - Keep Your Pet and Be a Responsible Pet Owner

Finding a Rental that Accepts You and Your Pet

Be Prepared....

- Go to your local SPCA for a list of pet friendly rental facilities.
- Prepare a file about you and your pet. Include proof of spay/neuter, vaccinations, vet visits and obedience training.
- Provide written references from former landlords, neighbors, trainers and your veterinarian.
- Introduce your pets to your potential landlord.



Being a Responsible Tenant with Your Pet

- Always clean up after your pet, this includes the litter box.
- Have your pet spayed/neutered. Call the Placer SPCA to inquire about our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program. (916-782-7722 ext.201)
- Train your cat to use a scratching post.
- Trim your pet's nails on a regular basis.
- Provide your pet with proper exercise.
- Never allow your animal to roam the property without a leash.
- Keep them well groomed.
- Provide your animal with vaccinations and parasite treatment regularly.
- Invite your landlord into your home.
- Be sure you have a plan in place in case of an emergency.

If you are experiencing any behavior problems with your animals, call the Placer SPCA Behavior Help Line at 916-782-7722 ext.258

What to Expect from Your Landlord

- An in-depth screening process. The landlord should check your references to ensure responsible pet ownership.
- A written agreement. There should be an agreement signed by both you and your landlord in reference to your pet. It should identify rules and regulations.
- Pet deposit. You may have to pay an additional pet deposit. This deposit is to ensure that any damage caused by your pet will be covered.