

Renting with Dogs: Top Tips for Tenants



Dogs Trust understands that finding a rental property that welcomes dogs can be challenging. However, with the right approach, you can increase your chances of securing a pet-friendly home. Here are some key steps to help you and your dog find the perfect place to live.

Key Considerations

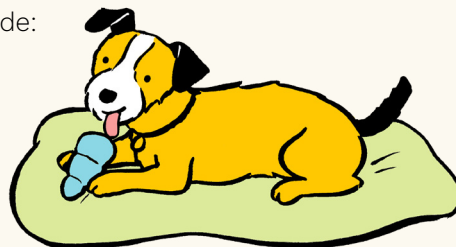
1. Prepare a Dog Reference

Ask your current or past landlord to provide a reference highlighting your dog's good behaviour. This can reassure potential landlords that your pet is well-mannered and responsible. If you've not rented before, a reference from your vet could be useful.

2. Create a Dog CV

A Dog CV helps showcase your pet's personality and training. Include:

- 🐾 Your dog's name, breed, and age
- 🐾 Confirmation of vaccinations, flea, and worm treatments
- 🐾 Training classes attended
- 🐾 Details about daily care, including exercise and socialisation



3. Be Open and Honest

Always inform landlords about your dog upfront. Gaining their trust is crucial, and written permission ensures clarity in your tenancy agreement.

4. Offer Reassurances

Some landlords worry about potential damage. Consider offering to:

- 🐾 Pay a higher deposit
- 🐾 Have the property professionally cleaned when you leave
- 🐾 Introduce your dog to the landlord to ease concerns



5. Start Your Search Early

Finding a dog-friendly rental takes time. Begin looking at least 8 weeks in advance, and be flexible with location, size, and budget to increase your options.



6. Be a Responsible Tenant

Once you secure a rental, maintain good practices:

- 🐾 Prevent excessive barking
- 🐾 Clean up after your dog
- 🐾 Ensure your pet is well-behaved to foster a positive relationship with neighbours
- 🐾 If you own a restricted breed, make sure you're following the necessary regulations.

By following these steps, you can improve your chances of finding a rental that welcomes both you and your four-legged friend.

For more tips, visit www.dogstrust.ie

