

# **Pet Personality Profile: How-to for Rental Property Managers**

## **What is the Pet Personality Profile?**

The Pet Personality Profile (PPP) is a set of questions designed to provide holistic information about an individual pet (not an assistance animal) that will be residing in a multifamily community.

## **Why should I use the Pet Personality Profile?**

While we strongly recommend that rental housing providers remove all breed and size restrictions, we understand the hesitation around dropping these policies. We have designed the PPP as an alternative to arbitrary pet restrictions and traditional companion animal “screenings” to allow rental housing providers to get to know each pet as an individual.

## **How should I use the Pet Personality Profile?**

Whether or not your property conducts in-person pet interviews, we recommend you provide future residents this resource first or ahead of time so that you can focus any in-person time on interacting with the future resident and getting to know their pet. Also, there are not necessarily right or wrong answers to the questions in the PPP. The questions are designed to capture the nuance and circumstances involved in an individual pet’s behavior. The PPP is a more robust tool than arbitrary breed and size restrictions for helping property managers determine a pet’s fit for their community.

## **What else should I consider when using the Pet Personality Profile?**

When you meet a future resident and their pet for the first time, it’s important to consider that the leasing office is likely a new place for the pet as well as the owner, and both might be a little nervous! Having a conversation with a future resident about their pet builds trust and fosters a feeling of community that is likely to increase transparency. When meeting a future resident and their pet, you should seek to gain some insight into their relationship by considering: Is the pet on leash or in a carrier of some kind? Does the pet follow basic cues and seek attention from their person? Is the person attentive to their pet?

## **What format can I use to get the Pet Personality Profile to future residents?**

You are invited to provide the PPP in whatever format works best for your community. You could make it available as a hard copy to be turned in, a fillable PDF to be emailed, or another electronic format to be submitted online.

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## Pet Personality Profile

*Future Resident instructions:  
Please complete one Pet Personality Profile for each of your pets.*

### PET HEALTH & STATUS

	Y	N
Is your pet up to date on their rabies vaccination?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have a dog (otherwise, leave blank), are they up to date on their DA2PP or DHPP (canine distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza, and parvovirus) vaccination?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have a cat (otherwise, leave blank), are they up to date on their FVRCP (feline viral rhinotracheitis, feline calicivirus, and feline panleukopenia) vaccination?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your pet receive monthly tick and flea prevention?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your pet always wear an ID tag and/or are they microchipped?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your pet house-trained? (includes potty pad and litter box trained)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To your knowledge, has your pet caused property damage in excess of \$250?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### DOG BEHAVIOR: OTHER DOGS

Do not respond to the questions in this section if you do not have a dog.

Has your dog ever fixated on another dog to the point where you could not get their attention *and* had to significantly intervene?

Y N

To your knowledge, has your dog ever attacked *and* injured another dog? (If yes, please explain the circumstances.)

### DOG BEHAVIOR: PEOPLE

Do not respond to the questions in this section if you do not have a dog.

Does your dog generally enjoy attention from other people?

Y N

To your knowledge, has your dog ever attacked *and* injured a person? (If yes, please explain the circumstances.)

**To your knowledge, has your dog ever caused a bite to a person that required medical attention? (If yes, please explain the circumstances.)**

**Y** **N**

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**To your knowledge, has your dog ever caused a bite to a person that resulted in broken bones, deep wounds, or lacerations requiring surgical repair or drainage?**

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**To your knowledge, is there any official record of your dog being a vicious or dangerous dog?**

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