



**Pet-Inclusive
Housing Initiative**

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Myth-Busting Statistics to Share with Your Property Owner or Manager

Concerns about safety:

- A dog's breed is not a predictor of its [personality](#). Diet, environment, health, training, breeding, genetics, management, and socialization all influence behavior.
- 81% of dog bites cause [slight or no injury](#).
- [Less than 1.5% of dog bite injuries require hospitalization](#), unlike injuries in general, which result in hospitalization more than 4 times as often.
- Outside of the home, most [bites from unknown dogs to children can be prevented](#) by simply keeping dogs leashed. The majority of bite incidents that happen in a child's and dog's own home occur when no adult is present.
- Studies have shown that [pets reduce crime](#). Neighborhoods with more dogs had fewer property crimes, regardless of neighborhood trust level.

Concerns about damage:

- Fewer than 10% of all pets cause damages of any kind.
- The average dollar amount for repair of damages caused by pets is \$210, and many residents choose to pay for these damages out of their own pockets rather than rely on deposits paid to property owners.

Concerns about resident perceptions:

- Only [6% of renters](#) said they would only rent at a property that restricted breeds or weights.
- Among both pet and non-pet owners, 71% of residents surveyed said that pets can help bring people together within a whole community.
- 73% of dog owners agreed that their pet brought them closer to their neighbors and 49% of cat owners said the same.

Concerns about the bottom line:

- 83% of rental housing operators say pet-friendly vacancies are filled faster.
- 79% of rental housing operators say pet-friendly vacancies are easier to fill.
- Residents in pet-friendly housing stayed 21% longer or about 10 additional months.