

## Successful Pet Parenting in Rental Housing A Guide for Renters with Cats & Dogs

Renting with pets means more than love—it requires accountability, communication, and consideration with your neighbors, landlord, and community. These tips will help you maintain a pet-inclusive, rental-friendly home.



### Communication is Key

- **Report incidents promptly:** Notify your landlord within 72 hours of any pet-related damage, loss, or expenses. Early communication supports trust and resolution.



### Housetraining & Hygiene

- **Ensure housetraining:** Cats should be reliably litterbox trained, and dogs housetrained or potty pad trained—especially in multi-unit buildings.
- **Stay clean & healthy:** Regular grooming and cleanliness help prevent fleas, ticks, and other issues. A clean pet = a clean home!



### Health & Safety

- **Vaccinate on schedule:** Follow your vet's advice to keep your pet up to date on core vaccines.
- **Use parasite prevention:** Year-round protection against fleas, ticks, and worms benefits your pet and your rental.
- **Train humanely:** For excessive barking, meowing, or anxiety, use positive methods or consult a vet. Avoid punishment.



### Identification & Safety

- **Use ID tags:** Your pet should wear a collar with up-to-date ID while on the property for quick recovery if lost.

### Bonus Tip for Apartment Living

Make sure your pet is comfortable with shared walls, hallway noises, and close neighbors. Gradual exposure, routine, white noise, and enrichment make rental living smoother for all.