

Happy landlords,
happy tenants,
happy cats

Cats make wonderful pets and everyone should have the chance to enjoy the companionship, fun and love they bring to a household. Yet too often, people who rent their homes are faced with tenancy agreements that do not allow pets.

This need not be the case. If you rent, there are ways to reassure your landlord that you are a responsible cat owner and overcome any concerns they may have.



Support

We're here to help. For more tips and advice on finding your purrfect landlord, visit www.cats.org.uk/purrfectlandlords

Found your purrfect landlord?
Now find your purrfect pet

Cats Protection has cats available for rehoming to all sorts of homes. All cats in our care have been vet checked, microchipped, vaccinated, treated for parasites and neutered, if old enough.

Meet cats for rehoming by visiting www.cats.org.uk/find-a-cat



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Purrfect Landlords

A guide for tenants renting privately:
finding the purrfect home
for you and your cat



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Finding your cat-friendly home

1. Start your search early.

Give yourself plenty of time to look for a new rented property that will allow a cat.

2. Tell your landlord about the nature and behaviours of your cat.

Create a 'Pet CV' to show you are a responsible owner and that your cat is unlikely to cause a problem. You should add details about your cat's character, how they like to spend their time, if they use a litter tray and how they interact with people and other pets.

3. Request a copy of your cat's vet records.

This is a good way to show your landlord that your cat is neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and protected against fleas and other parasites.

4. Ask for a pet reference.

If possible, including a pet reference from a previous landlord helps to confirm your cat has not caused damage in the past.

5. Start a conversation.

If you have a cat already but your new tenancy doesn't allow pets, have a chat with the landlord. Landlords often use standard templates for tenancy agreements, but you may find they are willing to be flexible if you ask.

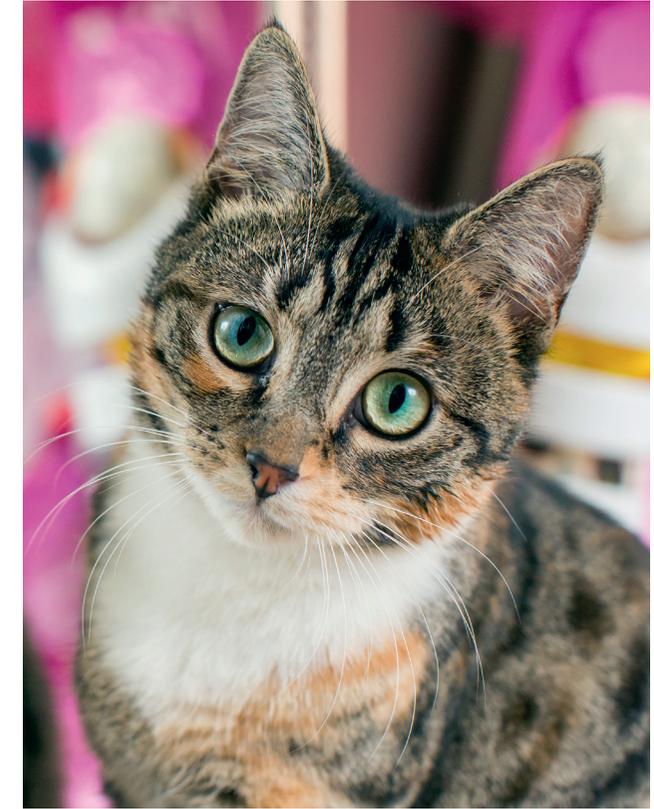
Keeping your cat happy in your rented property

Stick to the tenancy conditions

Make sure you have written consent from your landlord to keep a cat and comply with any relevant conditions. These may include a requirement for your cat to be neutered, microchipped and vet checked and a limit on the number of cats allowed, normally set at a maximum of two.

Enrichment

Keep your cat happy and amused with scratching posts, toys and activities. Interaction and play with your cat will help avoid damage to furniture and carpets and ensure a happier, healthier pet. For more advice visit www.cats.org.uk/cat-care



Don't have a cat but would like one?

Speak to your landlord and let them know you'd like a cat. Even if your tenancy agreement doesn't allow pets, landlords are often willing to be flexible, particularly if it means their tenant may feel more settled.

Be honest

Don't try to sneak a cat into your property or get a cat before asking permission first. You could lose your tenancy and you may find yourself in the stressful situation of having to find a new home for yourself and your cat, or even having to give your cat up to a rehoming charity.