

Purrfect Landlords

Cats and renting: a quick guide for tenants

Cats make great pets for flats and houses, yet many renters have problems finding a property which allows them. If you are looking for a rented home, there are ways you can help the landlord overcome any concerns they have about allowing your feline friend.

Cats Protection is the UK's largest cat charity, with over 250 volunteer-led branches and 36 centres across the UK.

Want to know more? Visit www.cats.org.uk/purrfectlandlords for more tips, advice and support.

To get in touch, email: campaigns@cats.org.uk

Finding your cat-friendly home

Have a chat with your landlord

You may find many adverts and tenancy agreements state 'no pets', but it's always worth checking. Many letting agents and landlords simply use standard wording in their paperwork, but are willing to be flexible if asked.

Create a pet CV

If you already have a cat, writing a Pet CV is a simple way to give landlords a snapshot of how you care for them. This can include vet records, so you can confirm your cat has been neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and treated against fleas and other parasites. If possible, you

should include a reference from a previous landlord to confirm the cat has not previously caused damage. You can also attach a photo or offer for the landlord to visit your cat in their current home. Download a free template by visiting www.cats.org.uk/purrfectlandlords

Ask for feedback

Sometimes, landlords may mistakenly believe certain properties are unsuitable for cats, for example those that don't have gardens. Yet some cats are actually suited to indoor living.

Reassure your landlord

Cats rarely cause problems. To reassure your landlord you could offer to repair any damage caused by the cat.

