

Pet Check List



Talk to your tenant about their pet to find out what they are like and whether you are happy for them to live in your property. Use the check list below as a guide to the sort of questions you should be asking. This will also help you determine whether the tenant is a responsible pet owner. After all, responsible pet owners often make the most responsible tenants.

For all pet owners

- What type of pets do you own and how many?
- How long have you had your pets for?
- Are you able to provide a reference for your pet from a previous landlord or your veterinary surgeon?
- Are your pets registered with a local veterinary practice?
- Are your pets regularly vaccinated and treated for fleas and worms (if applicable)?
- Do you have someone who can care for your pet in case of an emergency?
- Do you have someone who can care for your pet while you are away or on holiday?

For cat owners

- Is your cat trained to use a litter tray?
- Do you keep your cat inside or will it need to go outside of the property?
- Will your cat need a cat flap?

For dog owners

- How often do you walk/exercise your dog?
- How often will your dog be left at home alone and for how long?
- Do you have a dog sitter or dog walker for when you are not at home?
- Is your dog toilet trained?
- How does your dog get along with other people, such as visitors to the property?
- Has your dog ever attended obedience or behaviour training classes?

With cats and dogs you could ask to meet them in advance so that you can see for yourself what their temperament is and how well behaved they are. If possible you should ask to see them in their current home.