

JOIN US

Pet-friendly letting agencies can join our Lets with Pets scheme. Agencies must be a member of a professional body and agree to our Lets with Pets principles:



ASK all your landlords if they would consider pets



ADVERTISE clearly which properties do and don't consider pets on your website and property details



ADD a pet clause to your tenancy agreement when a pet has been agreed



INCLUDE our Lets with Pets logo on your website and, if possible, include some wording about our work



ENSURE you have a good stock of properties available to let, including some pet-friendly properties

SCHEME
SUPPORTERS
RECEIVE FREE
ADVICE, RESOURCES
AND ADVERTISING
ON OUR LETS WITH
PETS WEBSITE

To join the Lets with Pets scheme, visit
www.letswithpets.org.uk



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Dogs Trust launched its Lets with Pets scheme in 2009 to help pet owners who are struggling to find privately rented accommodation with their pets.

Our aim is to show landlords and letting agencies that accepting pets is straightforward and makes good business sense.

THE FACTS



Almost HALF of households in the UK own a pet¹



Pet owners can take up to SEVEN times longer to rent a home compared to non-pet owners²



1 IN 3 pet owners could not find a suitable property that would accept their pet²



THE BENEFITS

By allowing pets, landlords and letting agencies can maximise the property's rental potential. By excluding pet owners you will be missing out on a huge part of the rental market, which makes no business sense.

By accepting tenants with pets you can:

Increase demand for your property – with so few properties on the market that accept tenants with pets, your property will be in high demand. Pet-friendly properties are much sought after and won't be vacant for long

Encourage tenants to stay for longer – pet owners know how difficult it is to find rented accommodation that allows pets so they are more likely to stay longer than tenants with no pets

Attract responsible tenants – responsible pet owners often make the most responsible tenants. The lack of rented accommodation for pet owners means that tenants will be less likely to do anything to jeopardise their tenancy

HOW DOGS TRUST CAN HELP

Dogs Trust offers free advice and resources to landlords and letting agencies to help them successfully rent their property to pet owners.

Please visit www.letswithpets.org.uk for advice on a range of topics such as:

- ✓ Checking the terms of your **freehold** and **lease** to see if you can accept pets
- ✓ Asking the **right questions** about the pet before you say yes
- ✓ Asking for a **pet reference** from the tenant's previous landlord
- ✓ Including a **pet clause** in your tenancy agreement
- ✓ Asking for a **higher deposit**
- ✓ Asking for the property to be **professionally cleaned** at the end of the tenancy



¹ Pet Food Manufacturers Association www.pfma.org.uk

² Dogs Trust survey of pet owners, 2011