

Purrfect Landlords

Cats and renting: a quick guide for landlords

Cats make great pets for flats and houses, yet some landlords don't know whether to allow them in rented properties.

By putting reasonable conditions in place, you can make sure that cat ownership benefits both you and your tenant.

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

Becoming a cat-friendly landlord

Advertise properties as 'pets considered'

This avoids putting off potential tenants and allows you to choose whether to allow pets on a case-by-case basis.

Benefits of cat-owning tenants

Considering cats will allow you to reach a wider pool of tenants. Cat owners are often more settled and less likely to move house frequently, reducing the time and cost to you of re-letting your property. When making your decision, consider the advantage of having a happy, long-staying tenant.

Ask for more information

Your potential tenant can write a Pet CV to show

they are a responsible owner. This can include vet records so you can see the cat has been neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and treated against fleas and other parasites. Ask your tenant to provide a pet reference from a previous landlord to confirm the cat has not caused damage.

Include a pet clause in your tenancy agreement

This should require cats to be neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and regularly treated for fleas and other parasites, as well as limiting the number of cats allowed, usually a maximum of two. Free downloadable example clauses can be found by visiting www.cats.org.uk/private-landlords

