

A Checklist for Landlords



How to Identify Responsible Pet Owners

The following is a list of questions to use when interviewing prospective tenants with pets. These questions will assist you in getting to know a tenant and his or her commitment to providing responsible pet care. We strongly suggest that you consider meeting the pet, especially dogs—a well-groomed, well-behaved pet is one of the best signs of a responsible pet owner.

For All Pet Owners

- What type of pet do you have?
- How long have you owned your pet?
- Do you have a letter of recommendation from your veterinarian stating that each pet is in good health and up-to-date on its vaccinations?
- Do you have any written reference for your pet from your current landlord?
- Have there been any complaints about your pet at your current address? If so, did you pay your landlord for all the damage done?
- Does your pet have any medical or behavioral problems? If so, what treatment or training is it receiving?
- Would you object to my visiting you and your pet after you move in to see how your pet is adjusting?
- Who will care for your pet when you are on vacation?

For Cat Owners

- Has your cat been spayed or neutered?
- Do you keep your cat indoors?
- Does your cat use the litter box that you provide?
- Does your cat wear an identification?
- Is your cat registered with the Hawaiian Humane Society?
- How often do you treat your cat for fleas and ticks?

For Dog Owners

- Has your dog been spayed or neutered?
- Is your dog licensed?
- Do you keep your dog on a leash when you go for walks?
- Do you always make a point of immediately cleaning up after your dog?
- Have you and your dog completed a dog obedience class?
- Is your dog housebroken?
- How much time does your dog spend alone each day?
- How often do you exercise your dog?
- How often do you treat your dog for fleas and ticks? 