

# How to make your big dog a big hit!

Help open the door for your big pup in the rental world.



Rental housing owners and landlords often have misconceptions about big dogs. They may think dogs will cause property damage, or they may be concerned about behavior. But not to worry, because you can win them over! Use the talking points below and be transparent about your pet to bust misconceptions about big dogs.

## Talking points:

1. Dogs are individuals. Share the ways your dog has been **trained** to be a model citizen.
2. **Agree** that you and your dog want a safe place to live. Tell your potential landlord that your dog is well behaved.
3. Tell them you'll always leash your dog on the rental property.
4. Provide references from previous landlords that show how you'll be great tenants.
5. Offer to **crate** your pup when you're away.
6. Emphasize that you will dispose of all **pet waste**.
7. Say your pet has been **spayed or neutered** and vaccinated.

## Go the extra mile:

1. Bring your dog for a meet and greet. **Groom** and walk the pet beforehand to help get rid of some extra energy.
2. Ask about current pet policies and commit to them.
3. Share your dog's resume or trading card to break the ice.
4. Ask for a trial rental period or offer an additional refundable pet deposit.
5. Bring a letter of recommendation saying what a fine renter your pup has been!
6. Let your future landlord know that most liability insurance policies held by owners or managers don't include breed restrictions.



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