

## Pet Resumès



A pet resume provides an opportunity to present potential landlords with a summary of your companion animal's best qualities and examples of your responsibility as a pet owner. Try to address the areas below in your pet resume:

- **Mention anything about your pet's age, activity level, and/or breed traits that help make your dog or cat a "good tenant".** Emphasize characteristics that make your pet suited for city living. Tell the landlord something special about your companion animal's personality, and how much you care about your pet.
- **Give examples of your pet's good behavior, and your responsibility.** Has your dog been to obedience school or had special training? If your dog has lived in apartments before and is accustomed to it, be sure to say so. If you have more than one cat, let the landlord know how well your pets get along and keep each other company while you are away. If your cat uses a scratching post, say so and make sure to note that your cat is litterbox trained.
- **If your pet is quiet, calm and/or less active, point that out.** There can be a big difference between a 10-year-old dog and a frisky puppy. If you have an active dog, explain how you fulfill his/her exercise requirements.
- **Explain how you keep your pet clean and free of fleas.**
- **Let the landlord know your dog or cat is spayed or neutered** and explain that this makes for a well-behaved, healthier pet. Also note that your animal is up-to-date on his/her vaccinations, and mention who your pet's veterinarian is.
- **Describe your arrangements for your pet when you go to work or on vacation.**
- **Explain that you always clean up after your dog, and/or dispose of cat litter properly, and make sure you do.**
- **If you are a member of The Humane Society or other animal protection organization,** be sure to mention it in your pet resume.

*In addition to your pet's resume, you may also want to attach reference letters from current and previous landlords and/or neighbors; certificates of completion of obedience/training classes; references from your pet's trainer or groomer; and a health certificate from your vet; and even if your pet is not cute, a picture for identification purposes.*

# Sample Resume for Your Pet

## *Resume of Buddy Peterson*

### **Description**

Buddy is a well-behaved, friendly cat who enjoys the great indoors. When he's not busy sleeping in the sun, he enjoys playing with his toys, gazing out the window, and watching baseball on TV with his owner. He is litter-box trained and always uses his scratching post. Buddy has been the beloved animal companion of Ms. Peterson for seven years.

### **Health and Grooming**

Buddy is neutered and flea-free. He enjoys regular grooming and is a longtime patient of veterinarian Dr. Frank Anderson.

### **About Buddy's Caregiver**

As a responsible cat caregiver, Buddy's owner regularly cleans and properly disposes of Buddy's litter. When his caregiver travels, Buddy is cared for by a professional pet-sitter who also brings in the mail, waters the plants, and keeps an eye on their home. Ms. Peterson is willing to pay an extra security deposit for the privilege of having Buddy.

### **References**

Their current landlord can be reached at 202-555-1234. Attached are letters of reference from former neighbors, Buddy's pet-sitter, and health records from Buddy's veterinarian documenting that he is neutered, is current on his vaccinations, and receives regular veterinary care.

Ms. Peterson would be happy for a potential landlord to meet Buddy and thanks you for considering them as prospective residents of your community.

## Letter of Reference from Veterinarian

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

It is with extreme pleasure that I write this letter of reference for Ms. Peterson and her cat, Buddy. Buddy has been a regular patient at Silver Point Veterinary Hospital since he was adopted by his caregiver, Ms. Peterson, from The Humane Society seven years ago.

Ms. Peterson is a model pet caregiver, and I wish all pet caregivers were as conscientious as she is in her care of Buddy. Buddy is well socialized, neutered, receives yearly checkups and necessary vaccinations, always stays indoors, and is on a flea-control program.

Please feel free to contact me personally or any member of my staff to discuss Ms. Peterson's and Buddy's unquestionable suitability as housing residents.

Sincerely,  
Franklin Anderson, D.V.M.  
Silver Point Veterinary Hospital