

Pets in your home

For some people having a pet is an important part of their health and wellbeing. Pets can provide social and emotional comfort, which can enhance quality of life. It is important to keep in mind private rental properties often have strict rules about keeping animals and these must be considered if you have or are thinking about getting a pet.

What to consider if you are thinking about getting a pet

- The size of the pet in comparison to the property, is there enough room for them to be comfortable and active?
- The type of pet, what are its daily needs and how much exercise does it need?
- The impact on your neighbours, how noisy is the pet?
- Who will look after your pet if you need to be away from your home for a period of time?
- How much will your pet cost? Include food, bedding, training, toys, vet bills and vaccinations.
- Discussing your plans with your NDIS team, they may have further advice or considerations.

Applying for a property when you already have a pet

Advise your landlord that you have a pet in your property application and discuss your pet with the property manager before submitting your form. Try to demonstrate your skills in being a responsible pet owner. Consider a 'pet bond' or a 'pet resume' to support your property application

If your real estate agent approves your pet, make sure you receive this and any clauses in writing.

TIP

New laws are due to be passed in Victoria by July 2020 relating to pets being allowed in rental properties. You might like to mention this in your application to your landlord or real estate agent.



For further information and support

Tenancy

Consumer Affairs

1300 55 81 81

www.consumer.vic.gov.au

Victorian Office of the Public Advocate

1300 309 337

www.publicadvocate.vic.gov.au

Mental health

Wellways

Helpline: 1300 111 500

wellways.org

Lifeline

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