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Renting with Dogs *Landlord Info Sheet*

Hundreds of Australian families are forced to surrender loved pets to animal welfare organisations and 20,000 pets are euthanised annually, according to RSPCA research as [reported by ABC News](#).

One reason for this pain? Many owners could not find pet-friendly rental accommodation.

We can take action to improve these outcomes, and action is being taken across Australia (such as [this informative landlord fact sheet](#) produced by the SA government, and [endorsement from the Australian Veterinary Association](#)). This cause is relevant to anyone who realises the value that dogs provide to our society. Collectively, all parties can make a difference – lawmakers, landlords, and tenants with dogs.

The best part is that there is so much to be gained, and nothing to lose for landlords who stand only to benefit from the tenancies of responsible dog owners.

Did you know that...

- ✓ Dogs can be a lower-risk option than children

Pet owners are no more likely to have their bond taken, whereas people with children caused \$150 more damage (avg. in 2016) for each property.

- ✓ Better returns

Dog owners are statistically more willing to sign a longer lease – for less screening and longer occupancy. [Your Investment Property reported](#) dog-friendliness can *double* your tenant pool for more applications. And as dog-friendliness adds value, you may be able to ask higher rent.

- ✓ Personal responsibility, not pet status, is the key

Just think about the number of multi-million dollar properties that have dogs padding the hallways, without any disastrous effects. With the right dog and a responsible tenant, this reality can be true for your rental property too.

- ✓ Evaluate on a case-by-case basis

Be smart – you could lose out on a clean and trustworthy tenant if you refuse them solely on the basis of dog ownership.

We thank you for your consideration...
...Your decision could make the difference.