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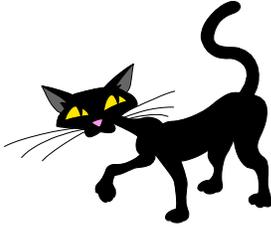


### **CREATE A PET-FRIENDLY RESUME**

**Your pet's resume helps communicate a history and helps "sell" you and your pet to potential landlords in the same way your job resume helps "sell" you to a potential employer. Pet resumes are becoming a "must" in some parts of the country and, whether or not a potential landlord requires it, offering one can put you head and shoulders above the rest of your competition. Having a pet resume to offer shows potential landlords you have thought through the responsibilities of being a tenant with a pet. It will also allow the landlord to see the potential strengths of you--and your animal-- as tenants.**

#### ***What should I put on my pet's resume?***

**The individual entries will vary from one pet to the next. However, there are some key items you will want to be sure to list. Remember, as with your own job resume be sure to be honest and only list relevant, verifiable information. Creating a resume that isn't completely forthright will very often come back to haunt you.**



### *The Basics*

- Type of animal (dog/cat/bird/gerbil/etc.)
- Animal's age and weight
- Animal's personality characteristics
- Animal's health history/any health conditions relevant to renting--list veterinarian's name and contact information
- Grooming information
- Special training (such as obedience training)/trainer's name and contact information
- Pet-sitters/Boarding facilities who have watched your animal and can attest to animal's demeanor/personality/habits--list names and contact information
- Landlords and neighbors who can attest to your pet's good behavior
- Habits (such as gets walked 3 times a day/sleeps during the day/only stays indoors, etc.)
- Special characteristics (such as does not bark when left alone/has never destroyed property/always uses the litter box, friendly--loves kids/other animals, etc.)
- Photo--optional. If you have the ability, include a photo of your pet on the resume

*Note: If you have renter's insurance with pet coverage be sure to mention it on your pet resume.*

## *Sample Pet Resume*

### Spot's Pet Resume

Tenant Applicant's Name: Joe Brown  
Current Address: 123 Oak Street, Anywhere, USA 12345  
Home Telephone: 555-111-2222 Work Telephone: 555-222-1111

#### Spot's Special Characteristics

Spot is a 55 lb. neutered male dog. He is a 5 year-old shepherd mix. Spot is very well-behaved and gets along well with children, adults and other dogs. He is housebroken and has never chewed or damaged any household items. Spot is a happy, content animal as verified recently by his veterinarian and an animal communicator (please see references).

#### Habits

Spot is accustomed to loud noises and does not bark unless someone is at the door. Spot loves to take hikes and gets walked two times a day during weekdays and three times a day on weekends. When I need to be away for business trips Spot either has his pet-sitter watch him or he goes to the boarder (please see references below).

#### Training

Spot had specialized obedience training when he was a puppy and follows commands.

#### Health

Spot is in good health. He gets regular checkups and is current on rabies vaccines and all shots. Spot takes Frontline to prevent fleas and ticks.

#### Grooming

Spot goes to the groomer every other month. He receives the full treatment--including nail-trimming.

#### Other

Spot never leaves for walks without his "poop bags" and is always picked up after. Spot is registered with the county and the state.

#### References

Trainer: Jill Owens /Telephone: (111) 555-0000  
Pet Sitter: John Light/ Telephone: (111) 555-2222  
Boarder: Dogs Love It Boarding/ Telephone: (111) 555-1111  
Veterinarian: Dr. Sordon/Telephone: (111) 555-6666  
Groomer: Pampered Pet Grooming/Telephone: (111) 555-7777

#### Spot's Previous Landlords:

Jack Bean/Telephone: (111) 555-9999; Sue Coral/Telephone: (111) 555-8888

#### Spot's Previous Neighbors:

Kelly Gold/ Telephone: (111) 555-3333; Bill Malar/Telephone: (111) 555-4444  
Registration #: AG5473123