

## 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 San Francisco SPCA 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 a picture for identification purposes.