



Keeping Everyone Happy

Always clean up after your animal.

Keep cats indoors. They won't bother other tenants and they'll live longer, too.

Do not automatically declaw your cat if the landlord requires it. The surgery is painful and unnecessary. You can train your cat to use appropriate scratching places. Realizing that some people already have declawed cats, we have included listings that require declawed cats. *This is by no means a recommendation.*

Make sure your companion wears current ID tags. The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA also recommends a microchip, a permanent form of ID. You can get a low-cost microchip at PHS/SPCA and it lasts for a lifetime.

Give your landlord emergency names and phone numbers for your companion. Include friends and relatives who would take responsibility if necessary.

Keep your animal on leash when out of your private unit. That means in hallways, common areas, elevators, etc. Only go off leash in legal, designated areas.

Spay and neuter your animal. This will help eliminate roaming, aggressive and territorial behavior, like spraying. Spaying and neutering has many health benefits, as well.

Take your animal friend to the vet at least annually, keeping all vaccinations current.

Do not allow your companion to disturb neighbors with whining, barking or other noises. If you do receive a complaint, be courteous and responsive. Thank them for bringing the noise to your attention. Try to work out a compromise.

Give your pet plenty of exercise and stimulation. Animals get into trouble when they are bored. Exercise will help with barking, whining and other undesirable behavior. Provide toys, appropriate scratching areas and things to chew on.

Enroll your dog in basic obedience class. He'll graduate more secure and better socialized and you'll have better control over his actions.

Try to resolve behavior issues. Call PHS/SPCA's free Behavior Helpline at 650/ 340-7022 ext. 783.

Know and abide by local animal laws. Contact your city to find out what they are. The leash law is county-wide.