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PET-FRIENDLY ABUSE/HOMESLESS SHELTERS

These organizations will either directly or indirectly provide or find care for your animals while you are seeking help.

RedRover Relief

The Safe Escape grant program helps families with pets safely escape domestic violence together. We provide financial assistance for pet boarding while pet owners are ill and unable to care for their pets due to the COVID-19 virus.

- ☎ (916) 429-2457
- ✉ info@redrover.org
- 🔗 Emergency Boarding: bit.ly/RR_Boarding
- Safe Escape: bit.ly/RR_Escape

Dove Center

The Dove Center provides safety, advocacy, and counseling to individuals whose lives have been shattered by domestic violence and/or sexual assault, and strives to expand public awareness of those issues.

- ☎ Toll-Free: (800) 656-4673
- 24/7 Helpline: (301) 334-6255
- 📍 882 Memorial Drive, Oakland, MD 21550
- ✉ dovecenter@gcdovecenter.org
- 🔗 bit.ly/GCDC_web

TurnAround

Our mission has been the same: to provide counseling and support services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

- ☎ 24/7 Helpline: (443) 279-0379
- 📍 8503 LaSalle Rd, 2nd floor, Towson, MD 21286
- ✉ info@turnaroundinc.org
- 🔗 bit.ly/TAI_web

House of Ruth

House of Ruth Maryland is one of the nation's leading intimate partner violence centers, helping thousands of battered women and their children find the safety and security that so many of us take for granted. We ensure that victims in danger receive services and shelter immediately.

- ☎ 24/7 Hotline: (410) 889-7884
- 📍 2201 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218
- 🔗 bit.ly/HRuth_web



CONVINCE YOUR LANDLORD YOUR PET IS A SAFE BET

Create a "Pet Resume"

A typical pet resume will include the following:

- Your pet's name, age, breed, sex and spay/neuter status. Attach copies of your pet's up to date vaccination records.
- A brief description of your pet's temperament. For example, "Sparky enjoys playing with other dogs at the dog park, loves to play fetch and is friendly with children." Let the landlord know your pet is housebroken and seldom vocal.
- Include a profile of you! Let the landlord know that you are a responsible pet owner by explaining how you pick up after your dog when he eliminates outside and take him for long walks. For cat owners, include how you clean the litter box daily and discourage scratching by clipping your cat's nails and providing a scratching post.
- Include a photo of your pets! Nobody can resist a cute picture.
- Attach contact information or reference letters from your veterinarian, groomer, previous landlords, dog trainers, pet-sitters and anyone that regularly interacts with your pet.

Take your pet to the veterinarian regularly.

By taking your pet in for annual exams and vaccinations, you are demonstrating that you are a responsible pet owner and that your pet is healthy.

Offer a pet deposit.

Many landlords fear a pet will be destructive and damage property. Offer to provide an extra deposit for your pet that can be used to repair any damages after you move. Make it clear that you have never experienced destructive behaviors from your pet, but that you are willing to provide this as an extra courtesy.

Take your pet to the groomer and obedience classes.

Landlords want to maintain the integrity of their property and some may have had unpleasant experiences in the past. Consider signing Fido up for obedience classes or taking Sassy to the groomer. These are not only beneficial experiences, but give you even more references to add to your pet resume!

Be persistent.

Just because a property advertises as "no pets allowed" that does not mean they will not be lenient for certain pets. Landlords don't want to miss out on a great tenant just because Fluffy wants to come along. Let the landlord know you respect their policy, but politely offer your pet's resume and offer to include a pet fee with your security deposit. Provide your pet's vaccination information, references, and offer a meet-and-greet before they make a decision. Make it clear you are a great pet owner and tenant

Be patient.

Remaining patient is important. Pet-friendly rentals are out there! Do not settle for the sake of convenience. Your pet would prefer to stay with you than go to a shelter.

Start early!

Start searching for new rental properties several weeks in advance of the end of your lease. Use pet friendly housing websites and ask friends for recommendations. The Federation of Insured Dog Owners will provide canine liability insurance policies for all breeds of dogs.

PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING RESOURCES

MyApartmentMap

One of the largest online databases of currently available pet-friendly housing. Each apartment listing has a small pet icon that indicates if that particular property allows pets.

↪ bit.ly/MAM_PetRentals

People with Pets

National directory of pet friendly apartments, homes, and hotels. The site also gives access to pet-friendly roommates if you are looking to rent or have a room for rent.

↪ bit.ly/PWP_web

Zillow

↪ Guide to Finding Pet-Friendly Rentals: bit.ly/Zillow_Guide
Pet-Friendly Rentals in Baltimore: bit.ly/Zillow_PetRentals

Trulia

↪ Pet-Friendly Rentals in Baltimore: bit.ly/Trulia_PetRentals

Hotpads

Use pet filter to find pet-friendly rentals.
↪ Rentals in Baltimore: bit.ly/HP_Rentals

ApartmentList.com

Guide to Finding Pet-Friendly Rentals: bit.ly/AL_Guide

Avalon Communities

Offers pet-friendly communities across the country.
↪ Rentals in MD: bit.ly/AC_Rentals

My Pit Bull is Family

The nation's largest non-discriminatory housing database
↪ bit.ly/MPBIF_Housing



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A RENTER

Rent Increases or Other Changes in Terms

If you wish to continue renting, be sure you know whether any of the terms of the lease will change. If your lease has an automatic renewal clause, the landlord must notify you of a rent increase or any other change with enough notice for you to decide whether you want to renew. If your lease does not automatically renew, be sure to thoroughly read the new lease you will sign. It's a new contract between you and the landlord, and any of the terms may be different from the terms in your prior lease.

Eviction

Eviction is a legal procedure. The landlord can't just tell you that you have to move or throw out your belongings. To evict you, a landlord must go to District Court to get a judgment against you. If a landlord moves your belongings out of the home, changes the locks or cuts off utilities without a court order, you should call the police and an attorney or a legal services organization.

For more information, please visit
bit.ly/Renter_Rights