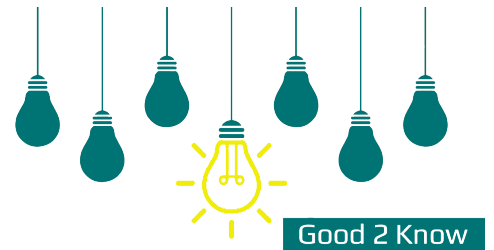


Pets in the rented flat

What do i need to know?

What do i have to bear in mind?

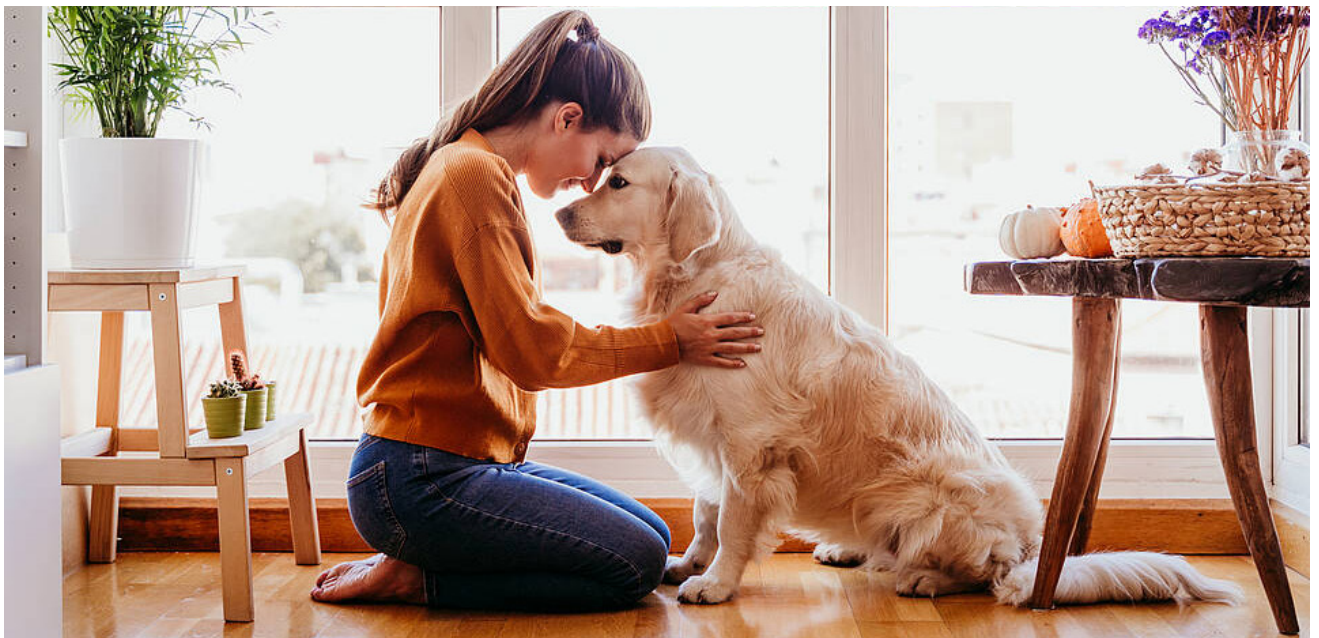


You are a tenant and are thinking of taking an animal into your household as a roommate and companion.

Whether bird, cat or dog, pets enrich everyday life in many households and families and for decades pets have also been said to have a positive effect on their owners.

Find out here whether pets are permitted in your rented flat and if, which animals are allowed by the owner and what else to look out for.

If you have further questions about keeping pets in general, we recommend contacting the Swiss Animal Protection STS.



Neighbourhood

Not everyone is equally fond of animals, so it can easily lead to trouble with fellow tenants. You need to be aware of this in advance. Fast there can be complainings for noise and odour nuisance, possibly the other tenants are disturbed by the bad smell or even afraid of the animal. As soon as such reports are received by the administration, the administration is obliged to check this. In the worst case, ordinary or even extraordinary termination is possible.

Small animals

Small animals are excluded from a required permit or landlord's consent. These include hamsters and guinea pigs, for example.

However, this is always provided that the animals are kept in a species-appropriate manner and the number does not reach unreasonable limits.

Consent of the landlord

The law leaves it up to the owner to decide whether or not pets are allowed in rented accommodation. In most cases, your tenancy agreement or a document belonging to it, for example the General Provisions, will provide information on how it is regulated in your house. **IMPORTANT: According to federal court rulings, the landlord may refuse to allow/keep pets even without a special reason.**

If keeping pets is not already strictly prohibited by the tenancy agreement, you can contact your landlord or your administration.



Exotic animals

For exotic animals, often every tenant needs, in addition to the permit from the landlord a permit from the cantonal veterinary office.

Also important...

- Think about including animal damage in your private liability insurance or, if necessary, take out an additional insurance. Keeping pets usually results in more wear and tear on the rented accommodation, for which you as the tenant are generally held responsible.
- Anyone who wants to keep pets should not only consider the consent of the owner, but should also always take into account the (spatial) needs of the supposed pet and the animal protection regulations.
- There is no right to equal treatment per se. If your neighbour has been granted a pet, you cannot insist on equal treatment and claim the same rights.

WITH US...

In the General Terms and Conditions, which are an integral part of our tenancy agreements, you will in most cases find the owner's instructions that apply to you.

Normally pets are approved by the landlord in the properties we manage.

We will be happy to issue you with a written confirmation of pet ownership, stating all important data about the pet(s).

This confirmation supplements the tenancy agreement and is signed by you and us as representatives of the landlord.



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