

# Pet Resume Template

*For Rental Applications*

[Insert Pet Photo Here]

## Basic Information

**Pet's Name**

[Your pet's name]

**Age**

[Age in years/months]

**Breed/Mix**

[Breed or mix description]

**Weight**

[Weight in lbs]

**Sex**

[Male/Female]

**Spayed/Neutered**

[Yes/No - Date if known]

**Microchip #**

[Microchip number]

**Color/Markings**

[Description]

## Training & Certifications

**Formal Training Completed**

[List obedience classes, training programs, dates, and facility names]

**Certifications**

[Canine Good Citizen (CGC), therapy dog certification, other credentials]

### ■ Pro Tip

CGC certification can help overcome breed restrictions. Many landlords and insurance companies accept CGC-certified dogs even when the breed would otherwise be restricted. Find a CGC evaluator at [akc.org](http://akc.org).

## Temperament & Behavior

### General Temperament

*[Describe your pet's personality: calm, playful, gentle, etc. Be specific and honest.]*

### Behavior with People

*[How does your pet behave around strangers, children, delivery people, etc.?)*

### Behavior with Other Animals

*[Experience with other dogs, cats, or pets. Include specific examples if possible.]*

## Pet Resume (Continued)

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### Rescue & Adoption History

*This section highlights the documentation advantages rescue dog owners have.*

**Rescue Organization**

*[Name of shelter/rescue]*

**Adoption Date**

*[Date adopted]*

**Time in Foster Care**

*[Duration, if applicable]*

**Shelter Behavior Assessment**

*[Pass/Results - request copy from shelter]*

**Foster Family Observations (if applicable)**

*[What did the foster family report about house manners, crate training, housebreaking, etc.?)*

### Health & Veterinary Care

**Veterinarian Name**

*[Vet's name]*

**Veterinary Clinic**

*[Clinic name and phone]*

**Rabies Vaccination**

*[Date - must be current]*

**Other Vaccinations**

*[DHPP, Bordetella, etc.]*

**Flea/Tick/Heartworm Prevention**

*[Current prevention protocol and products used]*

**Known Health Conditions**

*[Any conditions the landlord should know about, or 'None']*

### Daily Routine & Care

**Exercise Routine**

*[How often and how long is your pet exercised? Walks, dog park visits, etc.]*

**Time Alone**

*[How many hours per day will your pet be alone? What is their routine during this time?]*

**Barking/Noise Level**

*[Honest assessment of your pet's vocalization habits]*

## References

Provide contact information for people who can vouch for your pet's behavior:

### Previous Landlord

*[Name, phone, email]*

### Neighbor/Building Manager

*[Name, phone, email]*

### Veterinarian

*[Name, clinic, phone]*

### Trainer/Behaviorist

*[Name, credentials, phone]*

## Pet Owner Information

### Your Name

*[Your full name]*

### Phone

*[Your phone number]*

### Email

*[Your email address]*

### Current Address

*[Your current address]*

# Sample Cover Letter

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Customize this template for your rental application. Replace bracketed text with your information.

[Your Name]  
[Your Address]  
[Your Phone] | [Your Email]  
[Date]

[Landlord/Property Manager Name]  
[Property Name/Address]

Dear [Landlord/Property Manager Name],

I am applying for the rental unit at [property address] and wanted to introduce you to [Pet's Name], my [age]-year-old [breed/mix] who would be living with me.

I adopted [Pet's Name] from [Shelter/Rescue Name] [time period] ago, and [he/she] has been an ideal companion and apartment resident. [Pet's Name] passed [his/her] shelter behavior assessment, which evaluated [him/her] for food guarding, reaction to handling, and behavior around other animals. I've attached a copy of these results for your review.

[If applicable: I understand that [Property Name] has breed restrictions, and I want to address any concerns directly. While [Pet's Name] has physical characteristics that might be associated with restricted breeds, [his/her] documented behavior history demonstrates that [he/she] is a calm, well-trained dog who poses no greater risk than any other pet.]

[Pet's Name] has completed [training program/CGC certification] and has [specific positive traits: e.g., 'lived peacefully in apartment settings for three years,' 'never had a noise complaint,' 'is comfortable being alone during work hours']. I've included references from my previous landlord and veterinarian who can speak to [his/her] excellent behavior.

I am a responsible pet owner committed to maintaining a clean, quiet living environment. I carry renter's insurance with pet liability coverage [include amount if impressive], and I'm happy to [offer increased pet deposit / schedule a meet-and-greet / provide additional documentation] to address any remaining concerns.

Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the opportunity to introduce you to [Pet's Name] and demonstrate what a wonderful tenant [he/she] would be.

Sincerely,  
[Your Name]

**Attachments:**

- Pet Resume
- Shelter Behavior Assessment
- Vaccination Records
- [CGC Certificate, if applicable]
- Reference Contact Information

**■ Addressing Breed Restrictions**

If your dog is a restricted breed, acknowledge it directly rather than hoping the landlord won't notice. Lead with evidence of good behavior, not apologies. Show you understand their concerns and have taken steps to address them.

# Document Checklist

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Gather these documents before applying for rentals. Having everything ready shows landlords you're organized and responsible.

## Essential Documents

- Completed pet resume (use template on pages 1-2)
- Cover letter customized for this property
- Current photo of your pet (friendly, relaxed pose)
- Proof of rabies vaccination (must be current)
- Proof of other vaccinations (DHPP, Bordetella, etc.)
- Spay/neuter certificate
- Pet license (if required in your city/county)
- Microchip registration confirmation

## Highly Recommended

- Shelter behavior assessment results (request from rescue)
- CGC (Canine Good Citizen) certificate
- Training class completion certificates
- Reference letter from previous landlord
- Reference letter from veterinarian
- Proof of renter's insurance with pet liability coverage
- Foster family testimonial (if applicable)

## Additional Items for Restricted Breeds

- Letter from trainer or behaviorist (on professional letterhead)
- DNA test results (if mixed breed)
- Documentation of therapy dog work or community involvement
- Video of your dog's calm behavior (offer to share link)
- Proof of higher liability insurance coverage (\$100K-\$300K)

### ■ Organization Tip

Create a dedicated folder (physical and digital) with all pet documents. When you find a rental you love, you'll be able to submit a complete application immediately—before other applicants.

# How to Request Shelter Records

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Your rescue organization likely conducted behavior assessments before making your dog available for adoption. These professional evaluations are valuable documentation—here's how to get them.

## What to Request

Contact your shelter or rescue organization and ask for:

- **Behavior Assessment Results:** Most shelters use standardized tests (like SAFER or Match-Up II) that evaluate food guarding, handling sensitivity, toy possession, and more.
- **Intake Notes:** Information about your dog's condition and behavior when they arrived.
- **Medical Records:** Vaccination history, spay/neuter documentation, any treatments provided.
- **Foster Reports:** If your dog was in foster care, ask for any written observations about house manners, crate training, and behavior.
- **Adoption Counselor Notes:** Staff observations about your dog's personality and ideal home environment.

## Sample Request Email

**Subject:** Request for [Dog's Name]'s Adoption Records - [Your Name] Dear [Shelter/Rescue Name] Team, I adopted [Dog's Name] from your organization on [adoption date], and I'm hoping you can help me obtain copies of [his/her] records for a rental application. I'm specifically looking for: • Behavior assessment results • Any foster family reports or observations • Medical/vaccination records from your care • Staff notes about [his/her] temperament This documentation will help demonstrate to potential landlords that [Dog's Name] is a well-evaluated, behaviorally sound dog. Many rental properties have breed or size restrictions, and professional shelter assessments carry significant weight in overcoming these barriers. My adoption information: • Dog's Name: [Name] • Approximate Adoption Date: [Date] • My Name: [Your Name] • My Contact: [Phone/Email] Thank you for your help, and for the wonderful work you do finding homes for animals in need. Best regards, [Your Name]

## Tips for Success

- **Be patient:** Shelters are busy. Allow 1-2 weeks for a response, and follow up politely if needed.
  - **Offer to pay:** Some organizations charge a small fee for record copies. Offer to cover any costs.
  - **Be specific:** The more details you provide (adoption date, your name at adoption), the easier it is to find your records.
  - **Stay connected:** If you adopted from a rescue, consider joining their alumni network. They may be able to provide ongoing reference letters.
  - **Keep copies:** Once you receive records, make multiple copies and keep digital backups.
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