



# Pets

**If you want to keep a pet, you need to fill out a Form 21 on the RTA website which asks for approval from the landlord in writing.**

If your landlord gives you permission to get a pet, your rental agreement should say what type and how many pets are allowed.

The landlord may have conditions for giving you permission, e.g. the pet must be kept indoors or outdoors only. It is up to you whether you are happy to follow these conditions so you can have the pet.

If you think the conditions for approval are unfair, e.g. having to pay a penalty fee or increasing the rent, you should contact your local tenancy advice service.



## Some of the reasons the landlord can say no to you getting a pet include:

- it would mean there are too many animals on the property
- the property is not suitable for keeping the pet
- the pet would likely damage the property in a way that couldn't be repaired for an amount less than the rental bond.

The landlord must clearly say the reason for not giving you permission – they can't just say 'no pets allowed'.

If you disagree with the landlord's reasons for not giving you permission, you can either:

- try to negotiate with the landlord yourself
- get help from the RTA's dispute resolution service; and/or
- apply to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) if the matter is urgent.

QCAT is like a court, but less formal.

When you move out, you will have to pay for any damage to the property caused by your pet.

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