

Be Pet Smart

A pet resume provides an opportunity to present potential landlords with a summary of your animal's best qualities and an example of your responsibility as a pet owner. Try to address the areas below in your pet's resume:

Mention your pets age and breed

- Your pet's age and breed can be pertinent to its activity levels and overall health. Emphasize characteristics that make your pet suited for city or rural living, depending on your location of choice. Tell the landlord something special about your pet's personality and how much you care about your pet.

Talk about positive behavior characteristics

- Has your pet had obedience training?
 - Mention any special training you have given your pet.
 - Is your pet accustomed to apartment living?
 - In rural areas they may help keep the property safe.
- If you have more than one pet talk about the relationship between the animals.
- If you have a cat that uses a scratching post let the landlord know.
 - This is to make them feel at ease about scratching permanent fixtures to the apartment such as the carpet or curtains that were provided when you moved in.

Explain your pet's grooming habits

- Explain what you do to keep them free of fleas and other pests.
 - Colder climates don't always have these problems but can still be a concern.
- Let the landlord know if your dog is spayed or neutered.
 - If the landlord considers you for a pet other neighbors are likely to have them as well.
- Talk about what you do with your pets when you are at work or out of town.
 - Do you allow friends and family access to your home?
 - Do you put them in a kennel while you're away?
- Be sure to let them know what you do to dispose of your animal waste.
- Also mention if you are a member of your local SPCA or other animal protection organization.

See *Sample Pet Resume* on next page.

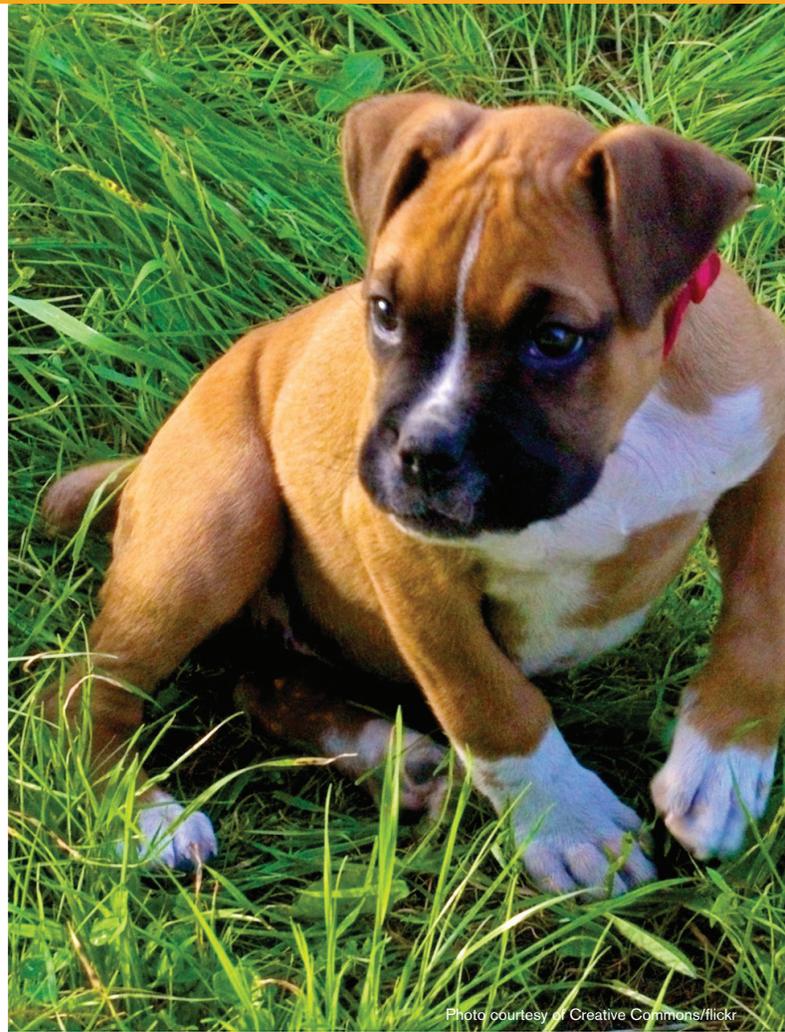


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Reference letters

- Don't forget how important a neighbor's or friend's opinion of your pet can be.
 - Include in your pet's resume references from family and friends that back up why you love your pet.

Pet Resume: Bart & Kitty Doe



[Street Address] • [City], [State] [Postal Code] • Phone: [Your Phone] • Fax: [Your Fax] • E-Mail: leonardo.bodmer@exelisinc.com



About BART

Bart is a 10 year old Lab mix, with who-knows-what, and joined our family in 1999 from the XXX Animal Shelter; we have never looked back. Bart is a well-behaved dog that is never outside without supervision and on leash. He loves spending time with other animals, especially his adopted sister, Kitty. Bart is house trained and sits when asked, gives “high-five” and plays dead for at least 8 hours each day, longer if the sun is shining in. Bart also enjoys a brisk walk every day.

About KITTY

Kitty is also a rescue cat and has been a valuable member of our family for the last 8 years. Kitty loves to snuggle with anyone, anytime. She always lets us know when she needs something and she keeps our house critter free. Kitty is claw free in front.

Health and Grooming

Bart and Kitty receive yearly check-ups from their Vet at XXXXX and are current on all their shots. Bart enjoys his bi-monthly grooming appointments and haircut to minimize dander and shedding and Kitty gets brushed once per week. Both Bart and Kitty are neutered and house trained.

References

Rental Home References: Name, Phone, email

Property Manger: Name, Phone, email

Personal Reference: Name, Phone, email, relationship to John & Jane

Available Upon Request

Veterinary Records and shot history