



StubbyDog™

Rediscover the Pit Bull.

Tips for finding pit bull-friendly housing and insurance

It's not always easy to find housing when you have large dogs, especially bully breeds. Here are a few tips and resources to help.

- Begin your search early, two to three months before you need to move.
- Look for a house, condo or townhouse rental, as private landlords are more likely to consider your pet than commercial apartment complexes. (If finances are tight, roommate situations are another option.)
- Post a "housing wanted" ad on Craigslist and/or similar sites. Be up front about the breed of your pet, and tell potential landlords why you'd make good tenants.
- Contact local bully breed rescue groups and/or post on their Facebook pages for local recommendations for pit-friendly housing.
- Train your dog well, and offer to let prospective landlords meet your dog (have any training certificates in hand). You can also create a "dog resume" to hand to potential landlords, complete with a cute picture of your dog. List any obedience or other training your dog has completed, along with bullet points for all of your dog's great qualities.
- Offer to obtain rental or liability insurance, or pay an additional pet deposit.
- Don't lie about your dog's breed. If you do so, your landlord may evict you with short notice, leaving you without the proper time to find another rental.
- Lastly, when you do find a rental, be a responsible tenant and pet owner to help change opinions one landlord at a time!
- If you are buying a home, make sure the city and county (and the homeowners' association, if applicable) do not have breed restrictions.

For more rental, housing, and insurance tips, visit:

- My Pit Bull is Family - www.mypitbullisfamily.com
- Pit Bull Rescue Central - www.pbrc.net
- Bully Consultants - www.bullyconsultants.com
- BADRAP - www.badrap.org

State or local breed laws may impact insurance coverage in certain areas. Also, insurance companies that don't discriminate based on breed may still exclude dogs with bite or other incident histories.