

Ask if you can take your pet with you

Tell them how important your pet is to you

Consider options for care



Aged care operators are recognising the benefits of pets, with some allowing owners to take their pets with them.

There will be rules and some pets are not appropriate in some circumstances.

If you have more than one pet, you could ask if you can bring more than one.

You may also want to ask whether you may get another pet if your current pet passes away.

Useful information about aged care accommodation that allows pets can be found in DPS guides, or see the "Useful Contacts" section of this brochure.

When making enquiries, be ready to explain the benefits owning your pet has for you.

Give accurate information about your pet(s), including:

- Type
- Size
- Age
- Behaviour
- Whether desexed (vet certification may be required)
- Any vaccinations

If you have to move and are unable to take your pet with you, you do not have to euthanase your pet. There are other options.

Contact an animal shelter (RSPCA 02 6287 8100) or a local rescue group such as ARF (rehome@fosterdogs.org).

They may be able to assist with rehoming advice.

Alternatively, check online to find out if your breed of dog has a special rescue group.

You are not alone

If you are likely to experience the loss of a pet, or have to part with one, your vet can discuss the issues with you before this happens. If required, pet bereavement support is available from:

Dr David Foote
Veterinarian and counsellor
(0425 281 424 - fees apply)

Rev Barbara Allen
(0439 317 924, Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM)

Useful contacts for aged-care organisations that offer some pet-friendly options

Anglicare: 1800 457 255

BUPA Aged Care:

1300 302 350 (some facilities only; ask for Shelley)

Calvary Retirement Community:

Canberra independent living; Calvary Muswellbrook Retirement Community; Calvary St Joseph's Community (only some units); Calvary St Luke's Retirement Community; 1800 222 000

CatholicCare:

02 6162 6100 St Vincent Villas (Aranda) and Aloysius Morgan Villas (Campbell)

Goodwin: 02 6175 5058 (Ainslie, Farrer, Monash and Crace)

Hindmarsh: 02 6169 3669 (Bellerive and Marigal Gardens, Kambah) and 02 6282 1782 (The Grange Deakin)

Land Lease Aged Care:

02 6120 7910 (Isabella Gardens) and 02 6230 6253 (The Grove, Ngunnawal)

LDK Healthcare Tuggeranong:

1300 535 000

Murray Glen Village (Tumut): 1800 996 126

RSL LifeCare: 02 6226 1899 (Linton Village and Gardiner Grove)

Stockland Retirement Living:

1800 72 71 70

UnitingCare Ageing: 02 6249 4104

(Amala Village)

Important

Please ensure your particular pet is allowed before signing the contract for your aged care accommodation.

All information is correct at time of publication. Contact details and services may have changed.

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