

8 TIPS for PET-PROOFING YOUR HOME SALE

When selling a home, pet ownership can have a bigger impact than many sellers realize. While pets are beloved by their families, they can be a red flag for potential buyers — especially those with allergies, fears, or cleanliness concerns. Here are **key considerations** sellers with pets should keep in mind to ensure a smoother sale and maximize their home's appeal:



1
Vacuum up fur from upholstery and carpets.

2
Remove pet odors, which can linger even if not noticeable to the owner. Use enzyme cleaners or ozone treatments if needed, and air out the home with HEPA filters to remove dander from the air.

3
Replace stained carpeting or damaged landscaping.

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Professional cleaning is strongly recommended — especially for carpets, rugs, furniture, drapes, and floors.

4
Patch scratched floors, chewed trim, or torn screens.

5
Take away pet beds, bowls, toys, leashes, litter boxes, and scratching posts.

By taking these steps, sellers can reduce buyer concerns and help their home stand out—in a good way. A clean, neutral-smelling, well-maintained home will always attract more interest, even from fellow pet lovers.

7
Ideally, **remove pets** from the home during open houses and showings — either take them with you or board them temporarily. This also minimizes stress for the pet.

8
Clean up pet waste **daily** in your yard.