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PET CONSENT REQUEST

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Your rights when requesting to keep a pet — the owner must not unreasonably refuse

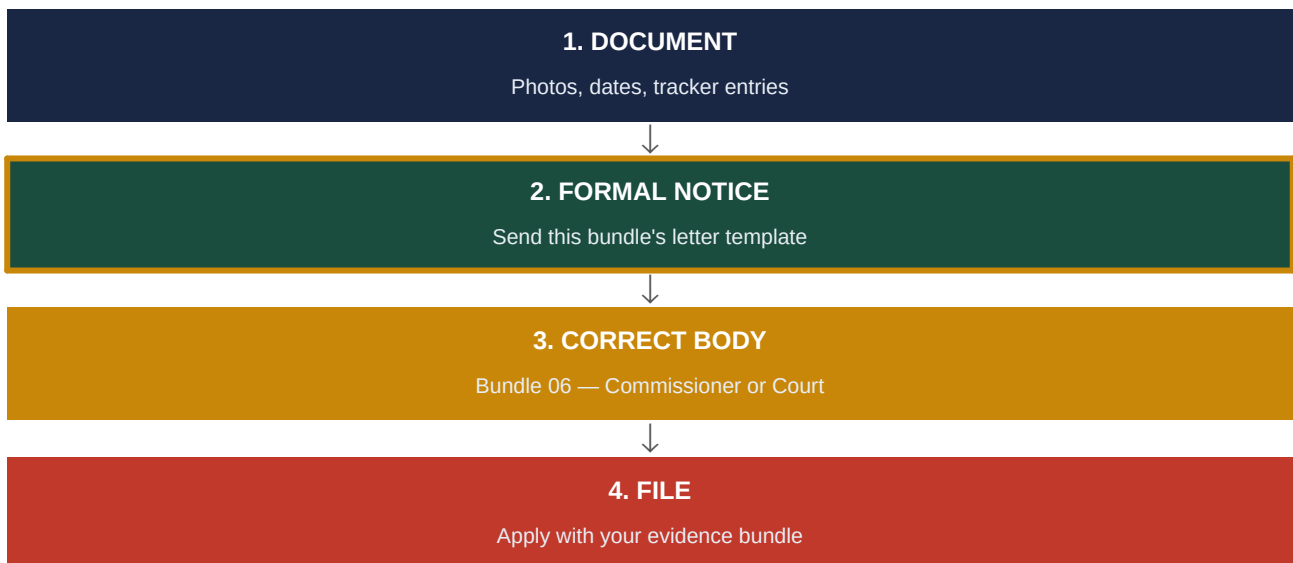
WHEN TO USE THIS BUNDLE

Use this bundle when you want to request approval to keep a pet at your rental property.

KNOW THE LAW — THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A PET (PART 3C)

Part 3C of the Residential Tenancy Act 1997 lets you seek your owner's consent to keep an animal on the premises, and the owner must not unreasonably refuse. Disputed refusals are determined by TASCAT.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS — YOUR ESCALATION PATH



The highlighted box shows where this bundle fits in the journey.

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STEPS TO SUCCESS

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01 Put your request in writing

Include the pet's type, breed, and any relevant credentials.

02 Build the pet's credentials file

Registration, desexing certificate, vaccination records, and references if available.

03 Send the request and keep a copy

Log the date sent.

04 Respond in writing if refused without reasonable grounds

Refer to the reasonable-grounds test in s.36V.

05 Escalate through TASCAT if needed

TASCAT — not the Commissioner or Magistrates Court — determines pet-refusal disputes under s.36U.

IF YOU NEED TO ESCALATE — WHAT MAGISTRATES COURT CAN ORDER

TASCAT can approve the pet request where the owner's refusal was not based on reasonable grounds under s.36V.

★ GOOD TO KNOW — PET DISPUTES GO TO TASCAT — NOT THE COMMISSIONER OR COURT

This is a distinctive feature of Tasmania's system: pet-refusal disputes are determined by TASCAT specifically (s.36U), separate from the Commissioner/Court split that applies to other tenancy matters.

■ CRITICAL — A REFUSAL MUST BE BASED ON REASONABLE GROUNDS UNDER S.36V

A blanket 'no pets' policy alone is not necessarily a reasonable ground — check the specific reasons given against s.36V.

TEMPLATE — PET CONSENT REQUEST

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1. COPY

Copy the letter below into a new email

2. FILL

Replace every **[bracketed]** field with your details

3. SEND

Email it — request a read receipt, save a copy

Fill in every **[bracketed]** field, then send via email — request a read receipt.

SUBJECT:

REQUEST TO KEEP AN ANIMAL: [Insert Property Address]

I am writing to formally request approval to keep an animal at the above-referenced property, pursuant to Part 3C of the Residential Tenancy Act 1997.

1. REQUEST DETAILS

- Pet: **[Insert pet type, breed, and description]**
- Credentials: **[Registration, desexing certificate, vaccination records, references — attached]**

2. IF REFUSED

- Should this request be refused, I request that you specify the reasonable grounds under section 36V relied upon.
- If no reasonable ground is provided, I intend to apply to TASCAT.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

[Property Address]

[Date]

[Contact Number / Email]