

## **It's a Family Member, Not a Used Refrigerator**

From the Western Michigan Craigslist:

After an exhaustive effort, I now have research to prove that you can take pets with you when moving!

Yes, it's true, and has been verified by many outside sources in the know. This includes:

- \*Moves across the country
- \*Moves to neighboring states
- \*Moves within [the state in which you currently reside]
- \*Moves within the city in which you currently reside.

It turns out that in every city, they have housing that allows pets. So, the best course of action would be if you (the pet owner) sought out one of these housing options (that allow pets) instead of inquiring on housing that does not allow pets (since you have a pet). I know, it seems complicated so let me use an analogy:

If you are a smoker and want to rent a hotel room, you will want to book a "SMOKING ROOM" Now, if you call about a "NON SMOKING" room, you will not be able to smoke in said room. Which is bad, as you are a smoker, and enjoy smoking.

So, if you have pets, you will want to look for housing which **ALLOWS PETS**.

See how that works? Simple!

Also, while my research is not entirely complete, there is strong evidence that suggests you do **NOT** need to give up pets either prior to or succeeding the birth of any of your children. You can have pets and kids **AT THE SAME TIME!** Seriously, it's true...look it up! They (your children) might even learn some traits such as compassion, responsibility, and accountability (I know, big words -- look them up) if they (your children) are raised in a house with pets – you know, the pets you committed to **PRIOR** to having children.

I thought my findings were just too good to keep to myself. So, pass them on to any pet owners you know!

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The above must be the best single thing that has ever been posted on Craigslist. Kudos to whoever wrote it! It's truly astounding how many people manage to move a big-screen TV, but moving a ten-year-old Golden Retriever somehow eludes them.