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## Objective

I am seeking a 1.5 to 2-bedroom apartment or house for long-term residence. I am a mature, responsible and capable tenant who respects an open and communicative relationship with my landlord. I am responsive to maintenance and am experienced as a property manager.

I am also open to house managing for a long-term State Department deployment or corporate assignment.

## Occupation

I have been a therapist, consultant and life coach, in private practice for 20 years. For the last 4 years, I have been consistently voted one of the top life coaches in DC by the Washington City Paper! I am also a canine behaviorist, known as The Doggy Lama. Prior to being in business for myself, I was an organizational development professional working in the government, non-profit and corporate sectors.

## Personal

I am a non-smoker, non-drinker, and take no drugs of any kind. My work is my primary focus and, while I love a nice game night and group dinners, I do not throw large parties or infringe on my neighbors' peace. I prefer to have my office in my home and take pride in creating a comfortable environment for my clients and visitors.

## Rental history

- 126 7<sup>th</sup> St SE, Washington DC November 1998 – April 2019
- 642 Independence Avenue SE #2, Washington DC June 1996-November 1998
- 421 Independence Avenue SE #1, Washington DC August 1995-June 1996
- 2990 Glenora Lane, Rockville MD June 1988-January 1995

## Preferences

I seek a walkable, dog-friendly neighborhood with easy access to public transportation and healthy food.

My dog, Cagney, who can be seen in the attached video, is 7 years old and has a long 'n low stature, so I would prefer to avoid lots of narrow, or spiral stairs.

We both need a good deal of light and air in our home and access to green space nearby. Cagney is never off leash and gets along well with dogs and people. He loves attention from adults and is very calm around children.

While not a deal-breaker, I prefer electric appliances and laundry in-house.

**Thank you for your help in finding my next, perfect home.**

**Please contact me with any questions, and I look forward to speaking with you!**

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## **Professional Experience in Apartment Management**

Multi-unit buildings are sometimes like soap operas with extra doors. The Four Mile Apartments in Stockton, California certainly were when I managed all 42 units.

Most of my tenants were wonderful, with nothing more than the occasional lockout to manage. But, there were definitely some exceptions.

### **The FBI came calling**

Elliott seemed like the perfect tenant. He was quiet, obsessively clean and valued his privacy to the extent that no sounds ever came from his one bedroom. He was a great conversationalist, but never lingered for too long.

I hadn't heard from Elliott for a couple of weeks, though he was fully caught up on his rent, even paying a month in advance. And then a hammering on the door, from four men with guns and badges, brought distressing news. Elliott was 'in the wind' after embezzling the equivalent of \$1.5 million dollars from the auto dealership where he worked in the finance department.

Rushing to his unit, I found perfectly staged furniture, and an enormous stack of hardback books, but not a single trace of my charming tenant. Not even a hair.

### **The Cult comes clean**

I rented a one-bedroom apartment to two nuns in floor length habits. It seemed strange that they would be living apart from their order, but their background checks and references checked out. One day, they asked if their Mother Superior could come and use the pool. I saw no problem with that until she came, and jumped in...in full habit...and then struggled under the heavy fabric to paddle from side to side in the shallow end.

Walking by their door a month later, I noticed an odd smell and gave written notice that I would like to inspect the unit. They put me off enough times that I made a surprise visit only to find 10 people were living there, cooking on hot plates and either sleeping on the floor, or in custom made bunk beds. They were an East Asian cult! They left overnight and I donated the beds.

**Tenant management can be an adventure, but I intend to make it easy for my next landlord!**

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## **Respect for Property**

I have a natural inclination toward efficient use of resources and am an obsessive organizer. Living simply means I avoid shopping and prefer to repair, rather than replace things. In the last 20 years, only one major appliance was changed out in my apartment. I thought the dishwasher hose could be fixed, but my landlord chose to buy a newer, cheaper model.

I hope to work cordially and comfortably my new landlord to keep the property clean and well-kept.