

ANIMAL MEDICINES AUSTRALIA WELCOMES PROPOSED VICTORIAN PET FRIENDLY TENANCY LAW CHANGE

Animal Medicines Australia (AMA) has welcomed the Victorian government's announcement it will make tenancy laws fairer by allowing renters to own pets.

In the announcement, Premier Daniel Andrews said the government will introduce a package of tenancy reforms to make renting fairer.

The package included a commitment that "...to end discrimination against renters with pets, the Government will give every tenant the right to own a pet, and while landlords will still need to provide consent, they will only be able refuse in certain circumstances".

"More than 25% of Victorians rent and with more than 60% of the population owning a pet, it was important that the government recognise that reality and put pet friendly policies in place," AMA Executive Director, Ben Stapley said.

"There is well documented evidence around the physical, mental and social benefits of pet ownership.

"One recent study showed pet owners are [more connected](#) to their communities and another highlighted each pet owner [saves the health system](#) \$700 a year because of the tangible benefits that pets bring including exercise for both the pet and their owners.

"AMA congratulates the Victorian government for recognising the benefits responsible pet ownership brings by committing to put in place policies that enable renters to access those advantages," Mr Stapley said.

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