

How to sell your home when you have pets



We are a nation of pet lovers.

Did you know? Over 9 million of us have dogs and 8 million of us have cats. There are even over 20 million fish kept in tanks across the UK.

Strange isn't it then when it comes to selling a home with pets, buyers seem to find animals a big no-no! We love animals at JDG.

Between us we have cats and dogs, tropical fish and guinea pigs. A colleague keeps chickens. We even have our very own office puppy.

However when it comes to selling houses pets can also distract. They can put buyers off. They can even steal the attention, as Boots, our own puppy often does!



Meet Boots

***Boots is the JDG
office meeter and
greeter!***

Here are our top tips to selling a home with pets and what you need to do. We have covered the main pets we come across on a regular basis!

Cats



Move the litter tray, hide away the biscuits and move kitty's toys. Pop your cat out and make sure he can't sneak back in via the cat flap.

We don't want buyers to find your furry friend curled up asleep on the bed!

Dogs



Hide your dog's bed and tuck away the food bowls. Grab a lead and go off a long walk.

Whilst we are a nation of dog lovers, you'd hate for your pet to take all the attention away from your home.

Worse still, you don't want a buyer to be scared, especially a young child!

Rats, reptiles and snakes



Love them or hate them, a home with rats, reptiles and snakes can cause a few problems with potential buyers.

We've had viewers who are squirmish, then there are those who are intrigued. Either way we want them looking at your home, not your reptile collection!

Why not ask a friend to look after them, or relocate them to the garage.

Fish



Think you can't go wrong with fish? Think again.

Fish are peaceful and calming but if they are not looked after properly or the tank not cleaned they can start to smell or become an eyesore.

Keep your tank nice and clean. Make it into a positive feature.

A well-lit tank can look great.

Bespoke Advice



We all love our own pets. To many of us they become part of the family. However when it comes to selling your home, they really are best out of the way.

There is nothing worse than having to try and move the dog, pop out the cat or the smell of a used litter tray when trying to show off a client's home for sale.

If your pet isn't mentioned here please ask me for more bespoke, tailored advice. At JDG we truly are pet lovers - I am sure we can come up with a plan for you.

If you'd like an informal chat over a cup of coffee, please get in touch. You can email me at michelle@jdg.co.uk or simply call me on 01524 843322.