

Case Study - Paget the High-Rise Hound



Jonathan and James live on the 8th floor of 'Altair', an award winning apartment building in Rushcutters Bay. The building is pet-friendly and soon after moving in they became the proud owners of Paget, an 8 week old Pug/Beagle cross.

Altair has clear guidelines about the keeping of animals, with pet owners required to complete a formal application process and follow all pet-related by-laws. "We needed to gain permission to keep a dog from our landlord first," explains James "Then we had to submit an application to the Owners' Committee."

Paget is now 20 months old and loves her high-rise lifestyle. "We have a balcony and when we go out we leave the door slightly open so she can go in and out as she likes. She has the run of the apartment, but her preferred place is sitting on a chair on the balcony watching the world go by."

The building is home to numerous dogs, which James sees as an advantage. "The dog owners have got to know one another and often help out minding each other's pets. We meet up and go for walks together. The Concierge even has treats and when we come in and out Paget knows if she sits for the Concierge she'll get a reward."

"We weren't thinking of getting a dog when we initially moved here, and we thought long and hard about the responsibilities of owning a pet. Now that we have Paget we just love her."