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The following is a Pre-Inspection Checklist that must be accomplished prior to the arrival of the bed bug detection canines. The canine handler will assess the inspection area first without the canine, then review this checklist with you and have you sign a copy upon our arrival.

Once we begin the inspection, noise and human distraction must be minimized in order to create the most effective search environment possible for the bed bug detection canine's success.

Residents/tenants who have pet allergies should observe the following after the canine leaves: Open the windows or turn on the heating/cooling systems and fans. Vacuuming and/or running an air purifier will help to reduce pet dander.

**Please Note:** The bed bug detection canines cannot inspect any areas treated chemically with pesticides for bed bugs within 30 days of the inspection date. The bed bug detection canines can inspect a heat treated area, but must wait 24 hours from the time of the heat treatment.

## Checklist to be completed before your technician arrives:

1. Remove ALL pets and litter boxes from the inspection area. They can be placed in an area not being inspected. If your dog/cat/pet is or has recently been ill you unit cannot be inspected. **Please let us know of a pet illness before we enter your unit.**
2. All pet toys, pet foods, water, other food items, **prescription and non-prescription medications** must be secured in a manner so that the bed bug detection canine cannot access them.
3. Turn off air conditioners, heaters, ceiling and floor fans 20 minutes prior to the bed bug detection canine's arrival. **Baseboard heaters** must be off as well 20 minutes prior to inspection. Close all windows in the inspection area. (Management will work with handler to notify tenants ahead).
4. Extinguish all smoking materials, candles and incense 2 hours prior to the bed bug detection canine's arrival.
5. Remove all cleaning products 2 hours prior to our arrival or place in a garbage bag with a twist tie/taped off or place them under the kitchen sink. Please do not use any cleaning products the day of the inspection.

6. Do not use the oven or heated products 30 minutes before arrival. Metal objects exposed to heat sources are hot and can injure the bed bug detection canine's nose. We cannot inspect these items until they are cooled to an acceptable temperature.
  
7. Tenants must trip/disengage any rodent traps set up throughout the apartment or home prior to the inspection.

The bed bug detection canine can achieve the highest accuracy rate under these conditions.

To the best of your knowledge all of the above requirements have been met. By signing this you agree to the above statement. The canine handler has the final say on any inspection if he does not believe the above requirements were met.

Responsible Person signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Canine Handler signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*An apartment manager should sign in place of the tenant. The manager may give the tenant a copy.