

CAN YOU TOP THIS?

When it comes to dealing with issues involving animals in this business, property managers have often experienced some strange situations. Here are a few of those tales IREM Members shared with *JPM*:

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ANIMAL TALES

A distraught female resident came into the management office and said, “There is something crawling around the top of my bed at night. It woke me up twice last night.”

We dispatched an engineer to solve the problem. He returned to say he could not find anything, but did see a small hole in the window screen and a partly consumed piece of bread. We thought it may have been a neighboring cat, but none was registered.

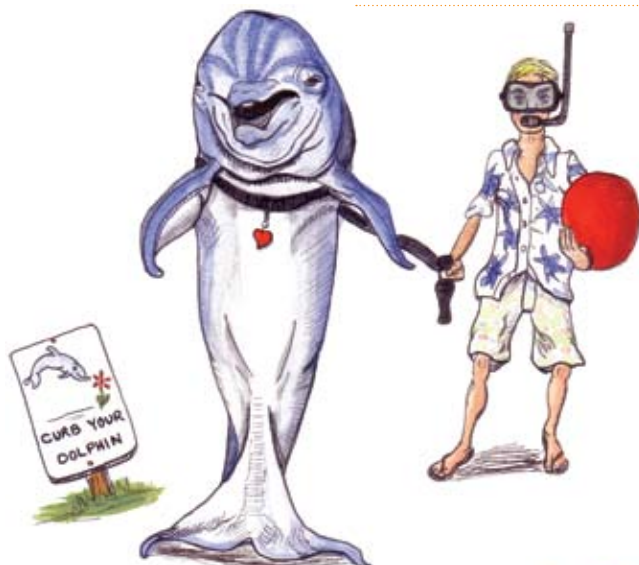
The next day, the resident came in again and said, “Why do you do this to me?! You must stop putting hairy animal on my bed! I not sleep at night.”

The engineer was dispatched again with instructions not to leave the apartment until the puzzle was solved. He returned after 45 minutes, having caught a very frightened squirrel.



At that time we were replacing windows in the property and mast climbers were fastened to the building. The squirrel must have climbed up forty floors on the mast climber and then jumped across to the window ledge—about 2 to 3 feet and then gnawed a small hole in the screen to get into her apartment.

The riddle was solved and the resident, happily, is still living with us.



I received a telephone call from the resident of the first-level apartment in a three-story apartment building, complaining that water was pouring into his living room. This was strange because there were no water pipes in that area. I asked the maintenance tech to search the second and third floors above the resident's apartment. He soon called me, in hysterics. In the middle of the living room on the third floor was a large swimming pool filled with fish. There was a tear in the pool, causing the water to pour down into the lower units. When I asked the maintenance tech where the resident was, he said, “He's probably outside walking the dolphin.”

