

# Only For Dogs

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Bowwow Mansions as its name may suggest, is going to the dogs.

The swank apartment building in Osaka is one of two where tenants are accepted only if they own at least one dog.

Nariki Nakatsuka, the real estate developer who built the apartments, began thinking about it after receiving complaints from prospective tenants barred from his other buildings because of a no-pets rule.

Nakatsuka, himself a dog owner, got the idea one day "while he was talking to his dog," a spokeswoman for Nakatsuka's company said Friday.

"He wanted to build a place where dogs could live with their owners," she said.

The result was the Park Side and Wan Mansions, both completed late last month. "Wan" is the Japanese equivalent of "bowwow."

The two buildings have a total of 12 apartments and seven are already occupied by nine beagles, terriers, Pekinese, dachshunds, collies and their owners.

An assortment of other breeds is waiting to move into the remaining five apartments, the spokeswoman said.

Bowwow Mansions has only two "very strict" rules, the spokeswoman said.

"If a tenant moves in and later gives up his dog, he will be asked to move," she said.

The other rule: no cats.