

Marshals Expel Ill-Tempered Cat

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In a housing dispute unusual even by Russian standards, court marshals in the city of Syktyvkar have expelled a cat from a local dormitory where it lived on its own because of its "nasty temper."

The animal, whose name was withheld, belonged to a mother and daughter who used to reside in the dormitory, marshals in the Komi republic said on their web site Wednesday.

The owners removed their belongings from the room in 2009, but did not formally vacate it because they needed to keep the cat there, the statement said.

The cat, which is now 3 years old, could not be relocated because of its "nasty temper," and was given its own room to live in, isolated from other tenants, the unidentified owner was cited as saying.

Dormitory officials eventually complained to court marshals, who, upon arrival, discovered the cat in the company of its owner. Both were promptly expelled.

No information was available on where the cat now resides.

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