Supporting Renters With Pets During COVID-19

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Important Resources

Animal Accommodation and Eviction Laws:
• pawsopeningdoors.com/the-laws

CDC Eviction Moratorium Declaration Form:
• pawsopeningdoors.com/KY-Equal-Justice-Center
• massaccess.suffolklitlab.org/housing/#CDC

State and Local Eviction Moratorium, Emergency Rental Assistance:
• evictionlab.org/covid-policy-scorecard
• rhls.org/evictionmoratoriums
• https://nlihc.org/rental-assistance

Community Partners:
• https://justshelter.org
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The Eviction Process
The General Eviction Process

1. Identify problem
2. Give notice
3. Take action
4. File papers
5. Court hearing
6. Eviction

- Notice period
- Time to cure or fix
- Notice must be served properly

The COVID Wrinkle:
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The COVID Wrinkle: Eviction Moratorium

1. Tried to get governmental rental assistance
2. Earn under the income limit
3. Unable to pay full rent because of income or medical expenses
4. Paying as much as possible given the personal circumstances
5. At risk of homelessness or sharing housing in close quarters with others
6. No impact on city/state eviction moratoria

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The COVID Wrinkle: Eviction Moratorium

CDC Publishes Eviction Moratorium

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The COVID Wrinkle: Eviction Moratorium

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The COVID Wrinkle: Eviction Moratorium Caveats

1. Not automatic
2. Only defers rent payment
3. Doesn't apply to lease violations
4. Doesn't apply to foreclosures
5. No assistance to landlords
6. Declaration is a sworn statement
7. Some tenants may be reluctant
8. DOJ can enforce

Tools to Keep People and Pets Together

Tools to Keep People and Pets Together: Threshold Question
Tools to Keep People and Pets Together:

Declaration Form

Tools to Keep People and Pets Together:

State & Local Eviction Moratorium Laws

Tools to Keep People and Pets Together:

Community Partners

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Community Fostering

Tools to Keep People and Pets Together:
Animal Accommodation Laws

COVID-19
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Depression Rate
Suicide Ideation
Pets are instrumental in easing symptoms of depression, serving as a crucial lifeline during COVID-19

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Next Steps:
Beyond the COVID Crisis

Data Collection

Partnerships
Next Steps:
Advocacy through Legislation

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