



YOUR HOME OR YOUR PET?

You don't have to make that choice.

The knock on the door from your landlord claiming you have 24 hours to remove your pet can be terrifying. But don't panic—you have rights, and your landlord or home owners association can't just throw you and your pet out on the street.

- You can't be evicted overnight. Eviction is a complex legal process. You must be notified every step of the way and be given a chance to tell your side of the story in court.
- Your landlord can't go into your apartment and remove your pet, or show up and force you or your pet out, without following the legal process.
- Even if your lease doesn't specifically allow pets, or if you don't even have a lease, you may have a legal right to keep your pet under federal, state or local laws.

As scary as it is to face an eviction threat, there are people and agencies in your community that can help. Google "legal aid" or "legal services" to find free or discounted tenants-rights assistance in your community.

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