



Supporting Renters With Pets During COVID-19

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Presentation Handout

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Important Resources

Animal Accommodation and Eviction Laws:

- pawsopeningdoors.com/the-laws

CDC Eviction Moratorium Declaration Form:

- cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/declaration-form.pdf
- 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>

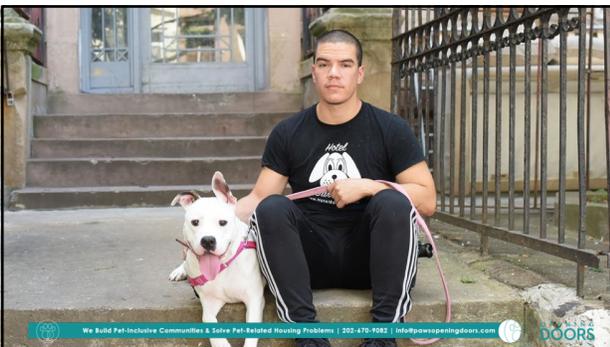
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The Eviction Process

Opportunities for Health in DC: Interrelated Pathways
DC Housing Equity Report 2018

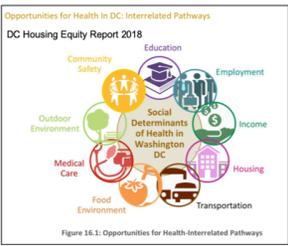


Figure 16.1: Opportunities for Health Interrelated Pathways

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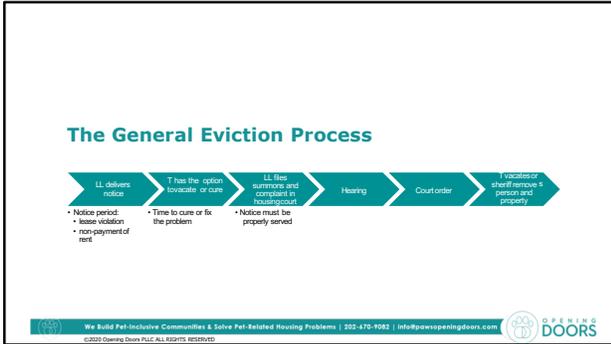


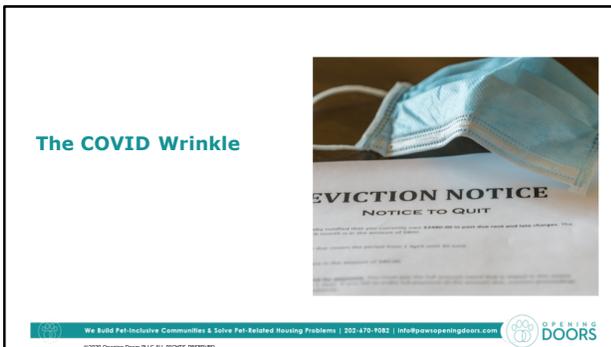
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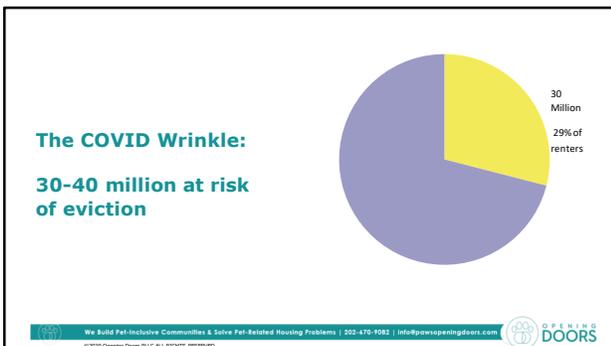


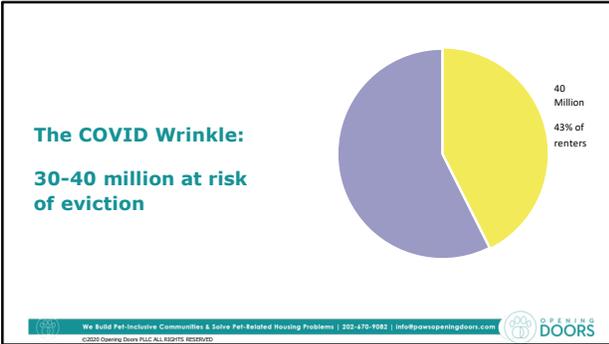
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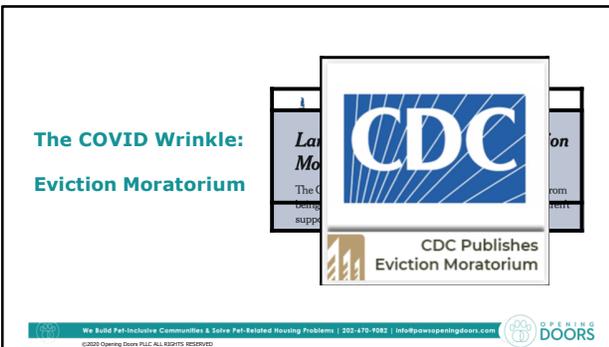












- The COVID Wrinkle:**
Eviction Moratorium
1. Tried to get governmental rental assistance
 2. Earn under the income limit
 3. Unable to pay full rent because of income or medical expenses
 4. Paying as much as possible given the personal circumstances
 5. At risk of homelessness or sharing housing in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

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**Tools to Keep People
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**Tools to Keep People
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Threshold Question**

7. If your animal is being surrendered for health reasons, please give a brief description of what the health issues are.

NONE - just pet and will be evicted



Comments
Customer is surrendering her two dogs because she just lost her job and will be evicted soon. She has no money. Ok per Stephen C. no charge to customer due to hardship. Customer was crying during the whole intake process. They were vaccinated last year by Dr. Marshall, 11th and Erie.

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Tools to Keep People and Pets Together:

Community Partners



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Housing Assistance Legal Aid Tenant Rights Education & Advocacy

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Tools to Keep People and Pets Together:
Community Fostering



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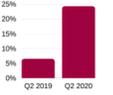


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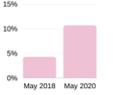


COVID-19 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Depression Rate



Suicide Ideation



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

- Pets can help battle loneliness & isolation
- Pets can supply sensory stress relief
- Pets can encourage walks & other self-care
- Pets can be a source of laughter, reducing stress

Learn more at www.pawopeningdoors.com/the-laws

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**Next Steps:
Beyond the
COVID Crisis**



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**Next Steps:
Data Collection**

The Association for
**Animal Welfare
Advancement**

**COVID-19 Eviction Crisis: 4 Ways to
Utilize Data To Help People & Their Pets**

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In early August, experts projected that an estimated 30 million–40 million renters could be at risk of eviction by year's end. And with 72% of renters owning pets, the animal welfare community began sharing resources and developing plans. While the CDC extended its federal moratorium on evictions through December 31, experts in animal management and fair housing policy stress that this moratorium will delay, but not prevent, an eviction crisis.

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**Next Steps:
Partnerships**



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Next Steps:
Advocacy through Legislation

How Does the Federal Eviction Moratorium Work? It Depends Where You Live

From state to state, and even judge to judge, a simple-sounding order by the C.D.C. an evictions cause is open to interpretation.

COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Programs





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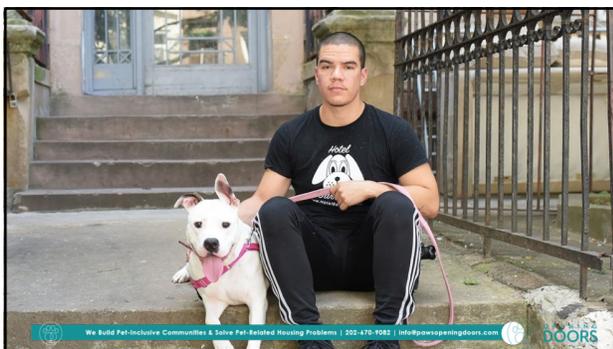
The Right to Eviction Counsel Is Gaining Momentum

As New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio expands tenant protections, a pair of U.S. senators introduce the Eviction Crisis Act to help renters get legal help.

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