

## The Law

In Florida, Petitioners may now request their pet(s) be included in their Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence.

## Using Pets to Control

89% of pet-owning women entering domestic violence shelters report that their abuser threatened, harmed, or killed a family pet.

## May Prevent:

The court may order the Respondent to have no contact with the pet and prohibit the Respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of the pet.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FAMILY PETS

## FLORIDA'S INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION LAWS OFFER PROTECTION FOR YOUR PETS

### Here to Help:

If you are a victim and need an Injunction for Protection, contact Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida at 954-736-2400. For more information, [CoastToCoastLegalAid.org](http://CoastToCoastLegalAid.org)

### Relevant Factor

When deciding whether to grant a Final Judgment, the court must consider if the Respondent ever intentionally injured or killed a family pet.

### Did you know?

Due to concern for their pets, as many as 48% of victims and survivors of domestic violence delay seeking safety for themselves and their families.

### **PETITIONERS MAY BE GRANTED:**

the exclusive care, possession, or control of an pet that is owned, possessed, harbored, kept, or held by the Petitioner, the Respondent, or a minor child residing in the residence or household of the Petitioner or Respondent.

