# Pet Custody Agreement Template

*Use this template to create an agreement to share custody of your pets.*

Some states view pets as "property" while other states put them in a separate class that's not quite people and not quite property. However, having a plan for pet custody in your agreement is a great way to avoid any misunderstandings down the road.
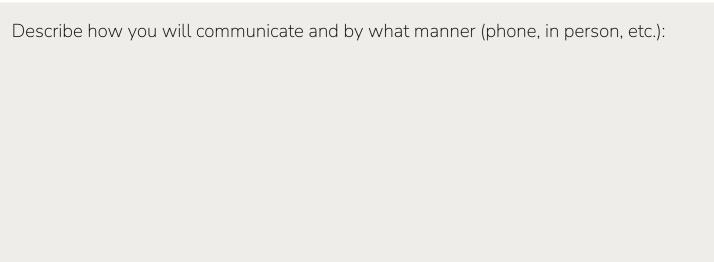
## Shared Ownership Pawrenting Agreement

In the matter of our pets, _____ (hereafter referred to as "the pets", we agree to share the responsibilities of ownership as outlined in the details below.

I. Regarding the matter of the custody and timeshare of the pets, we agree to the following schedule with the understanding that personal schedules fluctuate and exceptions may be made on occasion.

Pet sharing schedule:

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II. When the aforementioned schedule cannot be adhered to, we agree that alternate plans will be made through communication in the following manner:

Describe how you will communicate and by what manner (phone, in person, etc.):

III. Routine veterinary medical decisions and expenses made and paid on behalf of the pets shall be structured as follows:

Both pet pawrents are equally empowered to schedule appointments and pay related bills for said appointments and any related treatments, vaccinations, or medications. (Specify details)

Each pet pawrent agrees to contact the other before soliciting emergency veterinary care. Bill payment shall be split as specified below. (Specify details)

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IV. Veterinary medical records, including expenses paid,shall be documented in the following shared location:

Specify details:

V. Important care-taking notes and records, including information about diet, exercise, grooming, and any other issues shall be documented in the following shared location.

Specify details:

VII. If disputes arise between us regarding the care, custody, or any other issues related to the well-being of the pets, we agree to seek conflict resolution by consulting the following individual(s).

Specify who will help settle the dispute (veterinarian, mediator, etc.)