

**IL MATRIMONIAL LAW:
ALLOCATION OF PET RESPONSIBILITY**
750 ILCS 503(N)

Companion Animal Well-Being Factors

Factors case law suggests that courts *may* consider

1. Who *owns* the companion animal;
2. Who *pays* for the companion animal's needs;
3. Who *takes care* of the companion animal's daily needs;
4. Who *walks/plays* with the companion animal;
5. Who takes the companion animal to *veterinarian appointments*;
6. Each *party's relationship* with the companion animal; and
7. The *child(ren)'s relationship* with the companion animal(s).