



How Pets Custody Works In a Florida Divorce: Understanding Custody and Visitation

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In a divorce or separation, determining the custody and visitation arrangements for both children and pets can be a complex and emotional process. While children are typically given special consideration in custody decisions, pets are legally treated as property in the state of Florida. This means that the court will view pets as assets subject to equitable distribution, rather than as family members. However, there are still important factors to consider when it comes to deciding the fate of your beloved pets in a divorce.

The Legal Status Of Pets In Florida

Traditionally, pets have been considered personal property in the eyes of the law. This means that, like any other asset, pets are subject to division during the equitable distribution process in a divorce. Florida's divorce laws do not provide for custody or visitation rights specifically for pets, unlike the guidelines that exist for children. Instead, the court focuses on determining ownership of the pet based on factors such as who primarily cared for the pet, who provided for its needs, and the financial and physical ability of each spouse to care for the pet going forward.

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Our heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended this year's KidSide Judicial Reception! Your presence made the event truly special, and your support means the world to us. Together, we're making a difference in the lives of children and families in need. Let's continue to work together towards a brighter future for all.

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Parent Testimonial



The testimonial below is from an anonymous parent who received therapy sessions paid for by KidSide:

I had the pleasure of once again being able to receive individual therapy thanks to funding by KidSide. I'm pleased to share a testimonial about my journey.

I was originally seeing a previous therapist that I felt was not giving me the same attention. I made the decision to

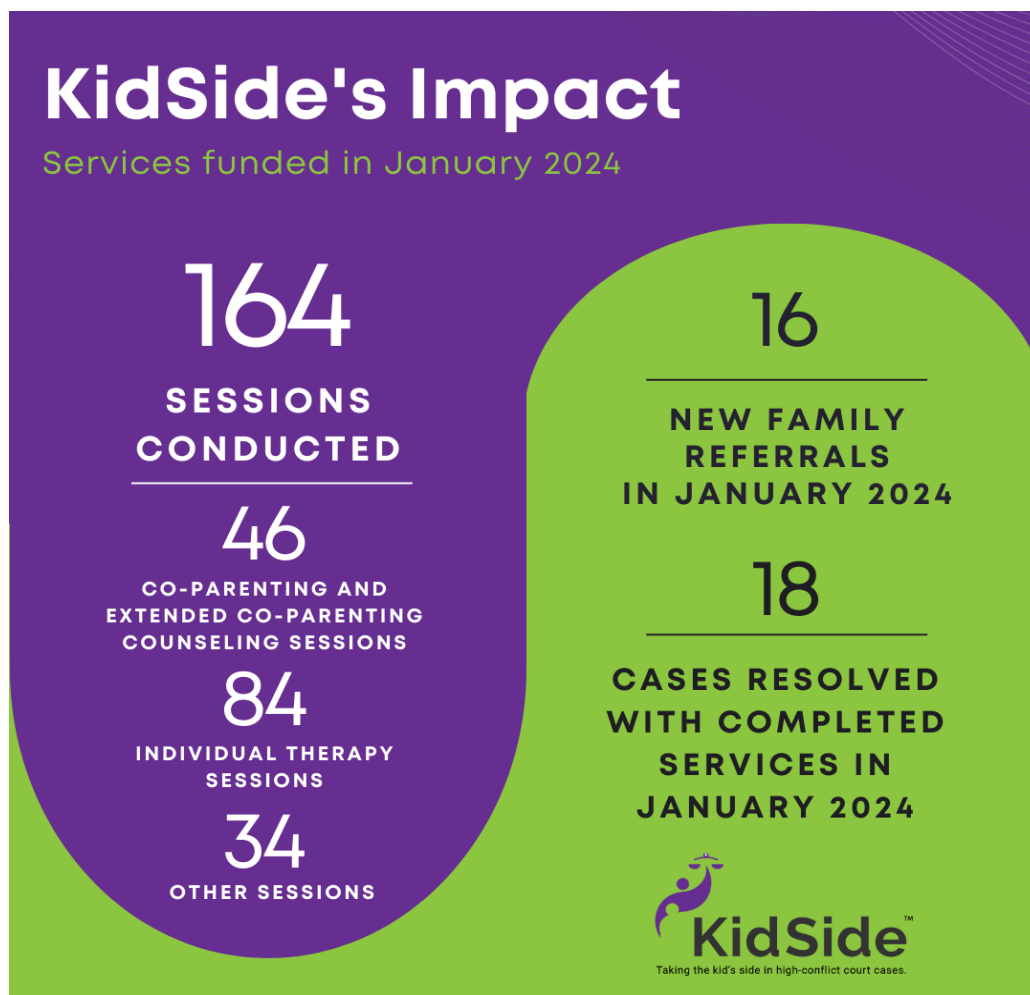
return to where I was getting the therapy that I expected to receive.

I was able to express my comfort and trust in the process with my new therapist. The time spent allowed me to get the tools so that I can reach my goals in my sessions.

I encourage anyone looking for therapy services to take the leap and find someone who can help you in gaining the path to a fulfilled life and self-empowerment.

Thank you to KidSide for your assistance!

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AAML Photos



What an incredible experience reconnecting with our KidSide partners, board members, and friends at the recent AAML Certification Review Course in Orlando! It was inspiring to see everyone come together, sharing insights and knowledge to further our mission of supporting children and families in need. Here's to the power of collaboration and the impact we can create together!

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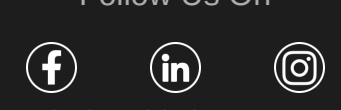
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