

Sample Letter for Tenants with COVID-19 Related Pets

(Note to tenant: Send letter by March 5, 2024)

Date

Tenant's Name

Tenant's Full Address

Landlord or Property Manager Name:

I am sending this letter to inform you that I have a pet in my rental unit, whose presence began before February 1, 2023, and was necessitated by COVID-19.

On January 23, 2024, the Los Angeles City Council approved an amendment, extending eviction protections for tenants with pets (see Ordinance No. 188108).

This amendment requires landlords and building managers to allow any companion animal residing in a rental dwelling unit, whose presence began between March 1, 2020 and January 31, 2023, and was necessitated and related to COVID-19, pursuant LAMC Section 49.99.2, to continue residing in the tenant's unit for the duration of the animal's natural life, or until the tenant either voluntarily relocates the animal or voluntary vacates the premises – regardless of whether there is any term in the rental agreement or lease that prohibits the presence of an unauthorized pets.

I seek to comply with the forementioned code and am open to communication.

Thank you,

Tenant's Name

Tenant's Email Address

Who should use this letter?

- Are you a **tenant** in the **City of Los Angeles** who brought in a pet related to or necessitated by COVID-19 into your rental unit between **March 1, 2020**, and **January 31, 2023**, *and* have not yet notified your landlord in writing?

→ **If yes**, you could use this letter to notify your landlord of such pet. You do not have to use this specific letter. What is important is that you notify your landlord in writing (email, text or regular mail). Questions? Visit www.housingrightscenter.org/get-help

