

Pets and Temporary Protective Orders

In a TPO, the Respondent is the abuser and the Petitioner is the victim.

Every Temporary Protective Order (TPO) has these standard paragraphs. Include pet information in paragraphs #15, 19, 22, and 23 as needed for the protection of pets:

*15. The Petitioner is awarded temporary custody of the minor child/ren and/or **pets**.*

*Respondent is ordered not to interfere with the physical custody of the children and/or **pets**.*

(If needed, you can list the names of any pet(s) and describe the animal(s) in this custody paragraph. If pets are likely to be involved in the legal dispute between the parties, then be specific.)

*19. That Respondent is ordered not to sell, encumber, trade, damage, contract to sell, or otherwise dispose of or remove from the jurisdiction of this Court any of the property or pets of the Petitioner or joint property or **pets** of the parties except in the ordinary course of business.*

22. That Petitioner shall be allowed to remove the following property from the family residence for the Petitioner's and/or Petitioner's child/ren's use:

*on _____, 20____ at _____ and law enforcement
_____ is hereby ordered to assist the Petitioner during this removal.*

(List the names and descriptions of any pets so the Petitioner can take the pets.)

23. That Respondent shall be required to return the following property for the Petitioner's and/or Petitioner's child/ren's use:

*on _____, 20____ at _____ and law enforcement
_____ (sheriff or police department) is hereby ordered to assist the
Petitioner during this return.*

(List the names and descriptions of any pets so the Respondent is mandated to return the pets to the Petitioner.)