

Pandemic Pets: Raising Four-legged Friends Amid the COVID-19 Crisis and the Toll for
All Those Involved

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ABSTRACT

Millions of people have faced a variety of unforeseen changes and instabilities in their personal lives as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Factors like job loss and remote learning have forced many into isolation, affecting their mental and emotional health. In an effort to occupy their minds and restricted lives, some have adopted animals. These companionships have now become an international trend and with time are suggesting both benefits and hindrances pet ownership can bring to people living in such an unprecedented period.

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