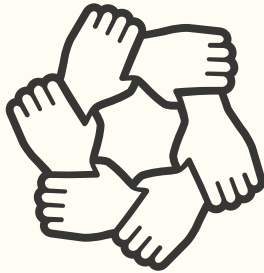


"It's Not as Cut-and-Dry as a Landlord Would Hope" - BIPOC Pet Owners' Experiences Navigating Housing Systems in Four U.S. Cities

Methods

Community-based participatory research approach, where community-based organizations and individuals with lived experience of housing insecurity were involved in all phases of the research process



Sample & Procedure

BIPOC pet owners who have experienced housing insecurity

Location: Atlanta, Dallas, Los Angeles, & Philadelphia

Focus groups and interviews with 31 participants

Qualitative results analyzed using Rapid Qualitative Analysis (RQA)

Findings

Theme 1: Barriers

(Examples: restrictive or unclear policies, burdensome pet deposit)

Theme 2: Impacts

(Examples: prolonged housing insecurity and pet rehoming)

Theme 3: Solutions

(Examples: housing system reform, support services, and self-advocacy)



Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Require written and consistent pet policies

Recommendation 2: Eliminate or reduce pet-related rent, deposits, and other pet-related fees

Recommendation 3: Eliminate or reduce pet restrictions based on breed or size

Recommendation 4: Integrate place-based planning and pet amenities in housing development

