

# **Barking Up The Wrong Tree: Companion Animals, Emotional Damages And The Judiciary's Failure To Keep Pace**

The role companion animals serve has evolved from property, used to derive an economic benefit, to family members, who share a unique emotional bond with their human companions.

Yet, the judiciary has failed to keep pace with society's changing attitudes resulting in inconsistent precedent on the recovery of emotional damages for the death of a companion animal.

**It's time for the  
legislatures to act.**