

Celebrity Parents: Former 'Teen Mom' Star Jenelle Evans Is 'Exhausted' Amid Custody Battle



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In the latest [celebrity news](#), former *Teen Mom* star Jenelle Evans and husband David Eason are back in court trying to regain custody of their children. According to what a source told *EOnline.com*, Evan and Eason are “hoping to get [their] kids back in time for summer.” The children were taken after allegations that Eason killed their family dog, Nugget. The [celebrity couple](#) plan to seek counseling after they regain custody of their children and life begins getting back to normal.

These celebrity parents are fighting for custody of their kids. What are some ways to avoid a custody battle amid a split?

Cupid's Advice:

Splitting up when you have children doesn't need to result in a custody battle. If both parents agree to be reasonable, then a custody agreement can be made without ending up in a conflict. Cupid has some advice to keep things amicable:

1. Get informed: A good place to start working towards an

amicable custody agreement is to become informed in your state's custody laws. Learn what "a child's best interest" means based on the laws in your state because that is what the court will base their decisions on when it comes to the custody of your children.

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2. Ask your family attorney questions: Your children are the most important people in a custody case, so don't be afraid to ask your attorney lots of questions, and do not let them pacify you with vague answers. This will not only help you better understand the matter at hand, helping you become more informed but will prepare you for all possibilities and help you fulfill the role of being reasonable so you can avoid an ugly battle in court.

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3. Be open to working with your ex: Just like you want to spend time with your children, to be there for them and meet their needs, so does your ex. Children want and need both of their parents, so be reasonable when making demands during custody litigation and keep in mind that your children need time with you and your ex.

What are some ways you might work to avoid a custody battle with an ex? Let us know your thoughts in the comments below.