



NATIONAL LINK COALITION

*Working together to stop violence
against people and animals*

Safety Planning for Pets

A number of domestic violence, animal protection, and other family violence prevention agencies have created materials to help abuse victims include the welfare of their animals when making their plans to protect themselves and their family. The following are some representative samples of some of these materials: The National Link Coalition presents them in hopes that they may help other agencies to create their own publications for local use.





Canadian Federation of Humane Societies
Fédération des sociétés canadiennes d'assistance aux animaux

Safety Planning for Pets



Women and Pets
Escaping Violence
Femmes et animaux domestiques
qui échappent la violence



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**If you're able to prepare for your pet's departure,
try to have the following pet items in a safe place where your abuser won't be able to find them.**

- ☐ Pet's vaccination and medical records
- ☐ License that proves you own your animal
- ☐ Bowls, bedding, toys, grooming supplies, a favourite blanket etc.
- ☐ Identification tag **without** your home address but **with** a phone number of a trusted friend or your veterinarian
- ☐ Dog leashes
- ☐ Cat carriers (Unconfined cats can easily get scared and escape. If you don't have a carrier for your cat, a pillowcase can work in an emergency.)
- ☐ Medication, if any
- ☐ A photo and an information sheet on food and feeding schedules, medical conditions, medications and schedules, likes and dislikes, and any possible behaviour problems to give to a temporary caretaker

Before leaving make sure you:

- ☐ Find a safe place ahead of time. Ask friends and family that you trust who might be willing to take your pets temporarily. Check out local safe havens for pets in your area.
- ☐ Know your pets' hiding spot so you don't have to spend time looking for them in the case of emergency.

The pet's location should be kept secret in case the abuser decides to try to take control of the pet in order to take control of you and your children.

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For more information visit the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies' website at www.cfhs.ca/petsafetyplanning

• **Would my pet be better off if I put it up for adoption?** Only you can make this decision. Giving up a beloved pet is sad, but it may be best for both of you. For one thing, moving is expensive. Many housing situations do not permit pets, or if they do, they may charge extra. Realizing that your pet is safe in a new home can make your decision to leave a violent situation easier -emotionally and financially.



NOTE: Do not use tags that identify the household you are leaving. Also, cat carriers are important. Unconfined cats can easily get scared and escape. If you don't have a carrier for your cat, a pillowcase can work in an emergency.

You can get help... Call the program in your area or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

You can leave... Your local domestic violence program may be able to provide shelter, food, clothing and referrals to other resources in your community.



You can stay... If your decision is to stay, your local domestic violence program can help you and they are also there for you when you need to talk.

If you need help, please call:

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE HOTLINE**

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

1-800-787-3224 (TDD)

Se habla Español

**The phone number for the
Domestic Violence Program
in your area is:**



Pets & Domestic Violence



Pets are part of the family in the majority of American households.

These animals are often treated like members of the family, but if the family is experiencing violence, they can become targets as well.



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Domestic Violence**

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Frequently asked questions...

- **If my partner harms an animal, will he or she hurt me?** It is possible. If a person punches, kicks, throws, or hurts an animal in any way, it is a clear sign that the person can be violent. If your partner has harmed or seriously threatened your pet, you may be in danger and should think about leaving.

- **How can I protect my pet?** When there is violence in the home, it's very important to have an emergency plan for sheltering your pet, yourself, and your children.

- **If I leave, who will take care of my pet?** If possible, find a friend or family member to care for your pet. If this doesn't work out, get in touch with your local animal care and control agency, battered women's shelter, boarding kennel, or veterinarian. Briefly explain your situation. If your pet is sheltered or placed in foster care by a humane society, or if a friend can care for your pet temporarily, you will have time to make long-term plans.



Abusive family members may threaten, injure or kill pets, often as a way of threatening or controlling others in the family.

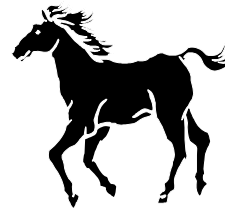
- **Will my pet be in any danger in a sheltering program or with friends?** Although it is unlikely that a violent partner will come looking for your pet, it is possible. Be sure to tell your pet's caretakers to keep your pet's location a secret from anyone who might give this information to your partner.



Also, you may be discouraged from visiting your pet in its temporary location to make sure you, your pet, and its temporary caretaker are safe.

- **Does my pet need to be current on all vaccinations?** Yes. Almost all veterinary clinics, kennels, and animal shelters require animals to be vaccinated. If you don't have a copy of your pet's vaccination record, the clinic may need to vaccinate your pet again.

Keep vaccination and other veterinary records in a safe place so you can take them with you if you need to leave home in a hurry. If you don't have these records but know your pet is up to date on its vaccinations, ask your veterinarian to send you a copy of the records.



If your pet is not up to date, make an appointment with your veterinarian. Some local humane agencies provide low-cost or free vaccinations. Check in the yellow pages under "animal shelters" or "humane societies."

- **How can I prove that I own my pet?** Your partner may attempt to get control of your pet in order to intimidate you. An animal license, proof of vaccinations, or veterinary receipts in your name will help prove you own your pet.

- **What should I take when I move my pet to safety?** If you are able to prepare for your pet's departure, try to have the following pet items in a safe place and out of your partner's reach: vaccination and medical records, a collar and identification tags, a license that proves you own your animal, dog leashes, cat carriers, medication, if any; an information sheet on feeding schedules, medical conditions, likes and dislikes, and any possible behavior problems to give to a temporary caretaker, bowls, bedding, toys, grooming supplies, a favorite blanket, etc.

- **What if I have to leave my pet behind?** Be sure you ask a law enforcement officer to go with you when you return home to reclaim your pet. Most communities recognize pets as property.



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Sometimes,
what happens at home...
leaves unintended victims

**Protect Family, Friends,
Pets and Yourself.**

SAFE is a program working in partnership with the Cleveland Animal Protective League (which is under new management), and other community organizations. SAFE assists people seeking safety from family violence by providing an alternative to permanently giving up a beloved pet, or leaving the pet behind in a potentially dangerous situation. SAFE places pets in temporary foster care with a compassionate, dedicated caregiver. Owners can reclaim their pets when it is safe to do so.



216-970-3035

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES, Numbers to know

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Domestic Violence Center (Cuyahoga County)	216-391-4357
Forbes House (Lake County)	440-953-9779
Genesis House (Lorain County)	(toll free) 866-213-1188
WomenSafe (Geauga County)	888-285-5665
Ohio Domestic Violence Network	800-934-9840
Domestic Violence National Hotline	800-799-7253



Special Thanks

The following organizations have generously dedicated resources to protecting families and animals:

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The Cleveland Foundation

The Dolphin Trust

Cuyahoga County Information Services Center

The Cleveland Animal Protective League

Foundation Management Group

The Barkley Pet Charities

SAFE CONTACT INFORMATION

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<http://safe.cuyahogacounty.us>

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216-970-3035

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Help, hope, peace of mind...

A program in partnership with the



**Cleveland
ANIMAL
PROTECTIVE
LEAGUE**

IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW LIVES IN A HOME WHERE THERE MAY BE VIOLENCE BE AWARE THAT PETS AND CHILDREN ARE OFTEN THE TARGETS.



Here's what you can do...

Understand the connection

Very often, if a person punches, kicks, throws or hurts an animal, he or she may harm a person as well. Likewise, in a home where children or adults may be emotionally or physically abused, pets also are at risk. If you witness or live in this kind of situation, take steps to keep family, friends, pets, and yourself safe.

Plan ahead

If violent behavior could ever occur, an emergency plan and a safe place to stay can keep people – and animals – from being a target. Planning alleviates the stress of worrying about what could happen. Most importantly, it helps ensure that children and pets do not become unintended victims.

Keep plans confidential

In the midst of great anger or uproar, violent people may pursue potential victims – this could include family members or pets. That's why the safest alternative could be a shelter unknown to the abuser. No matter where potential victims chose to stay, no one should tell the abuser the location.

When possible see to it that pets are current on all vaccinations

For the health of temporary caretakers and their household, all animals must be up to date on shots and spayed or neutered. Because medical records must accompany the animal when entering temporary shelter, maintain vaccination and other veterinary records in a safe, easily accessible place. If records are missing, check with the animal's veterinarian for a copy. If necessary, SAFE will provide assistance.

Be prepared to prove pet ownership

Sometimes abusers try to intimidate by gaining control of pets. Records such as an animal license, proof of vaccinations, or veterinary receipts can demonstrate ownership. SAFE will work with you to offer other suggestions if needed.

Develop a checklist of all items needed

Be ready to leave at a moment's notice with the items animals most need, including:

- ✓ Vaccination and medical records
- ✓ License or other proof of ownership



- ✓ Identification tag without a home address but with a phone number of a trusted friend or the animal's veterinarian
- ✓ Leashes and collars
- ✓ Pet carriers, if available
- ✓ Medication, if needed
- ✓ An information sheet explaining food, feeding schedules, medical conditions, medications and schedules, likes and dislikes, and any possible behavioral problems temporary caretakers should know

KNOW WHERE TO GO

If a friend or family member can safely tend to your pet, make arrangements with them and know how to reach them at all times. Or, call SAFE at 216-970-3035 for assistance and temporary animal shelter services.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES, *Numbers to know*

ANIMAL SERVICES

SAFE	216-970-3035
Cleveland Animal Protective League	216-771-4616
Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter	216-525-7877

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	216-687-1900
Witness/Victim's Service Center	216-443-7345

Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc.

PERSONALIZED SAFETY PLAN

(Keep this plan in a safe place - a family member or friend's home)

I can get help

- I can tell _____ about the violence and request they call the police if they hear noises coming from my home.
- I can teach my children how to contact the police. I will make sure they know our address and telephone number.
- I can teach my children how to go to a _____ (e.g., neighbor, business, etc.) for help if it is not possible to use the telephone.
- If I have a programmable phone, I can program emergency numbers and teach my children how to use the auto dial.

I can use my judgment

- When I expect my partner and I are going to argue, I will try to move to a space that is lowest risk, such as _____. (Try to avoid arguments in the bathroom, garage, kitchen, near weapons or in rooms without an outside exit.)
- I can also teach some of these strategies to some/all of my children, as appropriate.

I can leave

- If I decide to leave, I will _____. (Practice how to get out safely. What doors, windows, elevators, stairwells or fire escapes would you use?)
- I can keep my purse and car keys ready and put them _____ to leave quickly.
- I will leave money and an extra set of keys with _____ so I can leave quickly.
- I will keep copies of important documents or keys at _____.
- If I have to leave home, I will go _____. If I cannot go to the above location, I can go to _____.
- The VRC domestic violence hotline numbers are 1-866-343-8808 or 1-800-456-1172. I can call it if I need shelter or information.
- If it's not safe to talk openly, I will use _____ as the code word/signal to my children that we are going to go, and/or to my family, friends, or trusted coworkers that we are coming.
- I will use _____ as my code word with my children or my friends so they will call for help.

Planning to Leave

- I will call the VRC (domestic, sexual, stalking, family violence, and child abuse services agency) and get help making my plans. The hotline number is 1-866-343-8808 or 1-800-456-1172.
- I will leave money and an extra set of keys with _____ so I can leave

quickly.

- I will keep copies of important documents or keys at _____.
- I can leave extra clothes for our family with _____.
- I will keep important numbers and change for phone calls with me at all times. Since my partner can learn who I have been talking to by looking at phone bills, emails, or on my cell phone, I can see if friends will let me use their phones and/or phone credit cards or computers.
- I can leave my pets with _____.
- I will check with _____ and _____ to see who would be able to let me stay with them or lend me some money.
- I can increase my independence by opening a bank account and getting credit cards in my own name; taking classes or getting job skills; getting copies of all the important papers and documents I might need and keeping them with _____.
- Other things I can do to increase my independence include: _____.
- I can rehearse my escape plan and, if appropriate, practice it with my children.

After I Leave

- I can call the VRC at (315) 331-1171 regarding assistance with an order of protection.
- I can change the locks on my doors and windows.
- I can replace wooden doors with steel/metal doors.
- I can install security systems including additional locks, window bars, poles to wedge against doors, and electronic system, etc.
- I can purchase rope ladders to be used for escape from second floor windows.
- I can install smoke detectors and put fire extinguishers on each floor in my home.
- I will teach my children how to use the phone to make a collect call to me if they are concerned about their safety.
- I can tell people who take care of my children, including their school, which people have permission to pick them up and make sure they know how to recognize those people.
- I will give the people who take care of my children, including their school, copies of custody and protective orders, and emergency numbers.
- I will never go alone to drop off or pick up the children for visitation. If I cannot find someone to go with me, I will meet my ex-partner in the building of a public place like McDonald's or Wal-Mart. I will be careful when leaving to make sure my ex-partner is not watching me or following me.

At Work and in Public

- I can inform my boss, the security supervisor and/or Employee Assistance Program about my situation. My workplace EAP number is _____.
- My workplace security office number is _____.
- I can ask _____ to screen my calls.
- When leaving work, I can _____.
- When traveling to and from work, I can vary my route. If there's trouble, I can _____.
- I can change my patterns – avoid stores, banks, doctor's appointments, Laundromats, and _____ places where my partner might find me.

- I can tell _____ and _____ that I am no longer with my partner and ask them to call the police if they believe my children are or I am in danger.

With an Order of Protection

- I will keep my order of protection _____. (Always keep it on or near your person.)
- I will give copies of my order of protection to local police and communities where I visit families/friends.
- I will give copies to my employer, my religious advisor, friends, children's school/daycare and _____.
- If my partner destroys my order of protection, I can call the police and report the violation, contact my attorney, advocate, and/or advise the court of the violation. I can call the VRC for help at (315) 331-1171.

Items to Take When Leaving

- ★ Identification for myself and my children including birth certificates, social security cards, & school records
- ★ Money, checkbook, bank books, ATM cards, tax returns, credit cards
- ★ Medication
- ★ Keys for your house, car, office, driver's license, car registration and insurance, and all other insurance papers
- ★ Public Assistance ID/Medicaid cards, passports, green cards, work permits
- ★ Divorce or separation papers, custody papers, lease, rental agreement or house deed
- ★ Car/mortgage payment books and MY PERSONALIZED SAFETY PLAN
- ★ Children's toys, security blankets, stuffed animals, sentimental items, photos

My Emotional Health and the Emotional Health of My Children

- If I am feeling down, lonely or confused, I can call _____ or the VRC hotline at 1-866-343-8808.
- I can take care of our physical health needs by getting checkups for our family. If I don't have a doctor I can call the local hospital for a referral.
- If I have concerns about my children's health and well-being, I can call _____.
- If I have left my partner and am considering return, I will call _____ or spend time with _____ before making a decision.
- I will remind myself daily that my family deserves to live a life free from abuse and of my best qualities which are: _____.
- I can attend support groups, workshops, or classes at the VRC and call (315) 331-1171 in order to build a support system, learn skills or get information.
- I will look at how and when I drink alcohol or use other drugs and if I need help with this I can call _____.
- Other things I can do to feel stronger are: _____.

❖ Thank you to NYSOPDV ❖

PET SAFETY PLAN

The Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc. is grateful for its collaboration with the Wayne County Humane Society for victims of domestic violence with pets. Thank you also to Lollipop Farm for boarding pets for victims. Pets are not allowed in the domestic violence shelter, and the Humane Society works with our agency to house small pets during the transition from an emergency shelter to your new home. If you can leave with your pet, try to leave with the pet's medication; collar with identification; vaccination and medical records; carriers for transportation; proof of ownership, feeding schedule, habits and behaviors; and food, bowls, grooming supplies, and toys. If you cannot leave with your pet, work with the VRC and/or the police to escort you to reclaim your pet. Do not go to your home alone without an escort and notifying the police. If you live in another county in New York, or another state, contact your local domestic violence program if you have a concern regarding leaving your pets behind when you leave the domestic violence situation. Many of the domestic violence programs work with animal shelters and the humane society in their community.

Pets Covered in Orders of Protection (S.7691 Padavan / A.10767-A Rosenthal) **(New York State)**

Allows protection of companion animals to be added to an order of protection issued in a criminal court or Family Court. Requires the respondent to refrain from intentionally injuring or killing any companion animal the respondent knows to be owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by the petitioner or a minor child living in the household. Companion animals/pets are defined as a dog, cat or any other domesticated animal that lives in or near the household, but does not include farm animals.

SIGNED: Chapter 253

EFFECTIVE: July 26, 2006

Order of Protection/Pets (A.8855-A Rosenthal / S.4541-A Kruger) **(New York State)**

Amends the 2006 law that authorized the inclusion of companion animals or pets in criminal or family court orders of protection to now include orders issued in Supreme Court matrimonial cases. In addition, the new law changes the language referring to "petitioner" to read "the person protected by the order" in orders of protection issued under sections of the Family Court Act where the government or prosecutor, rather than the victim, petitions the court (i.e., child support, juvenile delinquency, etc.).

EFFECTIVE: July 6, 2008 Chapter 532

-- Courtesy of Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Newark, NY www.vrcfl.org 315-331-1171

Pets and Domestic Violence

Pets are part of the family in many American households. In homes where there is violence, pets are often threatened or injured by the violent partner. In several recent surveys of women entering shelters for protection from domestic violence, nearly half report that their pet had been threatened, injured, or killed by their partner. Others report that they delayed leaving their homes because they feared that their pet would be hurt when they left.

If your partner has threatened to harm your pet, both you and your pet may be in danger. We urge you to make plans to protect all members of your family—you, your children, and your pets.

There may be a Safe Havens for Animals™ program in your community that provides temporary housing for pets when there is violence in the home. For a listing of some of these programs, go to www.hsus.org/firststrike or contact your local animal shelter. For more on the animal cruelty/family violence connection, call 1-888-213-0956.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES (HSUS)

was founded as a nonprofit organization in 1954 to protect animals through legal, educational, legislative, and investigative means. The HSUS has 10 regional offices throughout the country and operates outside the United States as Humane Society International.



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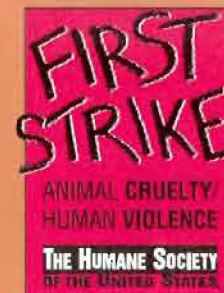
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MAKING THE CONNECTION

Protecting Your Pet from Domestic Violence



PROTECTING YOUR PET FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If my partner harms an animal, will he or she hurt me?

It's possible. If a person punches, kicks, throws, or hurts an animal in any way, it's a clear sign that he or she can be violent with humans, as well. If your partner has harmed or seriously threatened your pet, you may be in danger and should think about leaving.

How can I protect my pet?

When there's violence in the home, it's very important to have an emergency plan for sheltering your pet, yourself, and other family members.

If I leave, who will take care of my pet?

If possible, find a friend or family member to care for your pet. If this isn't an option, contact your local animal care and control agency, battered women's shelter, boarding kennel, or veterinarian. Ask if they know of a Safe Havens for Animals™ program that provides temporary housing for pets. If they don't, briefly explain your situation. If your pet is sheltered or placed in foster care by a humane society, or if a friend can care for your pet temporarily, you will have time to make long-term plans.

Will my pet be in any danger in a sheltering program or with friends?

Although it's unlikely that a violent partner will come looking for your pet, it's wise to be cautious. Tell your pet's caretakers to keep the animal's location a secret from anyone who might give this information to your partner. You may be discouraged from visiting your pet in the temporary home to make sure you, your pet, and the temporary caretaker are safe.



Does my pet need to be current on all vaccinations?

Yes. Almost all veterinary clinics, kennels, and animal shelters require animals to be vaccinated. If you don't have a copy of your pet's vaccination record, he or she may need to be vaccinated again.

Keep vaccination and other veterinary records in a safe place so you can take them with you if you need to leave home in a hurry. If you don't have these records but know your pet is up to date on vaccinations, ask your veterinarian to send you a copy of the records.

If your pet is due for vaccinations, make an appointment with your veterinarian. Some local humane agencies provide low-cost or free vaccinations. Check your local *Yellow Pages* under "animal shelters" or "humane societies."

How can I prove that I own my pet?

Your partner may attempt to get control of your pet in order to intimidate you. An animal license, proof of vaccinations, or veterinary receipts in your name will help prove you own your pet. You can also have your pet microchipped under your name.

What should I take when I move my pet to safety?

If you're able to prepare for your pet's departure, try to have the following pet items in a safe place and out of your partner's reach.

- Vaccination and medical records
- License that proves you own your animal
- Bowls, bedding, toys, grooming supplies, a favorite blanket, etc.
- Identification tag *without* your home address but *with* a phone number of a trusted friend or your veterinarian
- Dog leashes
- Cat carriers

- Medication, if any
- An information sheet on food and feeding schedules, medical conditions, medications and schedules, likes and dislikes, and any possible behavior problems to give to a temporary caretaker

Note: If you leave your home, remove identification tags that identify the household you're leaving and attach tags with the alternative information (such as a trusted friend's or your veterinarian's phone number). Cat carriers are important, too. Unconfined cats can easily get scared and escape. If you don't have a carrier for your cat, a pillowcase can work in an emergency.

What if I have to leave my pet behind?

Ask a law enforcement agent to accompany you when you return home to reclaim your pet. Most communities recognize pets as property.

Would my pet be better off if I put him or her up for adoption?

Only you can make this decision. Giving up a beloved pet is sad, but it may be best for both of you. For one thing, many housing situations don't permit pets, or if they do, they may cost more. Realizing that your pet is safe in a new home can make your decision to leave a violent situation easier—emotionally and financially.

While animal shelters can't guarantee to place every animal, they do find permanent homes for many. It's easier for shelter staff to find a home for your pet if they know if the animal is house trained, obedience trained, and good with children or other animals. Try to give shelter staff a detailed description of your pet's medical history, behavior, and likes and dislikes. Also make sure shelter staff know how to contact you if they

have more questions. To ease the pain of separation, you may want to take photos of your pet for you and your children.



Helping Everybody

We now know that abuse, exploitation and violence against children, the elderly, intimate partners and animals are related. Children who abuse animals, for example, are at high risk to grow into adults who abuse their own children or their partners. Most serial killers and many violent criminals were cruel to animals when they were children.

Abuse, exploitation, neglect and/or violence against children, the elderly, intimate partners and animals weakens families and communities. Fortunately, the maltreatment of vulnerable populations can be prevented. Here are some steps that everybody can take to help:

1. Take child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence, and animal abuse seriously. Get help for yourself if you are at risk. Learn how to get help for others.
2. Practice positive and nurturing ways of relating to children, companion animals, senior citizens and intimate partners. Demonstrate compassion and kindness to your children and instill in them humane values.
3. Become involved in community efforts to prevent violence and protect vulnerable populations. Contribute time or money to organizations and programs that work to help children, the elderly, animals and families.
4. For more information or to become involved, contact the Delaware Collaborative Project on Family Violence at 302/225-1040.

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Got Kindness?



Help Prevent Family Violence!

Show Kindness

Remember:

Violence is never acceptable or appropriate.

- **If you, or someone you know, are ashamed of, or uncomfortable with, your behavior with your children, your partner, your elderly relatives or your companion animal(s), please do the right thing, stop the behavior, and get help from the list below.**
- **If you are hurt by, or uncomfortable with, the ways that your parents, your partner, or your adult children treat you, please take care of yourself, know that you are not alone and get help from the list below.**

Helping Children

To report child abuse anywhere in Delaware, call the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families
1-800-292-9582.

To get information on child abuse prevention programs throughout the State, call the Delaware Children's Trust Fund
836-8550 (New Castle County)

To find Parents Anonymous® parent support groups,
Call Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families
225-3011 or 225-1040 (New Castle County)

Delaware Helpline: 1-800-464-HELP

Helping Animals

To report animal abuse in New Castle or Sussex Counties, call the Delaware Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)
998-2281 (New Castle County) or 856-6361 (Sussex County).

To report animal abuse in Kent County, call the Kent County SPCA 734-7029.

Helping Elderly

To report elder abuse anywhere in Delaware, call the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities
453-3820 (New Castle Cnty) or 422-1386 (Kent/Sussex Counties).

To get help for elderly persons being victimized by fraud or other financial exploitation, call the Department of Justice
577-8508 (New Castle Cnty) or 739-4211 (Kent/Sussex Counties).

To find befriending and friendly visiting for elderly at risk or in crisis, call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers
225-1040 (New Castle County), 653-8825 (North. Kent County),
284-4825 (South. Kent County), 732-3371 (Sussex County) or
644-4033 (Cape Henlopen Area)

Helping Partners

To get help for domestic or other intimate partner violence, including emergency shelters and other crisis intervention, call
Child, Inc. 762-6110 (New Castle County)
or Families in Transition 422-8058 (Kent and Sussex Counties).

To find counseling for persons impacted by domestic violence, call
Child, Inc. 762-8989 (New Castle County),
Catholic Charities 655-9624 (New Castle County)
or Peoples Place II 424-2420 (Kent and Sussex Counties).
Also: Latin American Community Center 655-7338 (New Castle County) or La Esperanza 854-9262 (Sussex County).



Why would we ask her to leave either of her babies behind?



Why would we ask her to leave either of her babies behind?

48% of domestic violence survivors delay leaving
an abusive home because they do not have a
safe place for their pets.

Join us as we build the only shelter for pets of
domestic violence survivors in Central Florida.

So that when they are ready to leave,
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