

## Pets in Shelter Resources

- *There are an estimated 10 million victims of intimate partner violence annually, with 85% of victims being women. There are 84.6 million companion animals in American Homes (68% of homes).*
- *Did you know that up to 65% of domestic violence victims will delay or refuse leaving an abusive home out of fear of leaving their pets or livestock behind?*
- *Did you know that up to 85% of women entering domestic violence shelters reported that their partner had threatened, injured or killed their pet?*

### **RedRover Relief** – [redrover.org](http://redrover.org)

Providing financial assistance, resources and support to pet guardians and survivors of domestic violence.

- Funds to board pets whose owners are escaping violence
- Life-saving veterinary care for families in need
- Emergency shelter options to keep animals and owners together
- Grants to help organizations feed hungry pets

### **Sheltering Animals & Families Together**<sup>®</sup> - [saftprogram.org](http://saftprogram.org)

Sheltering Animals & Families Together<sup>®</sup> (SAF-T) is the first and only global initiative guiding domestic violence shelters on how to house families together with their pets. The SAF-T Program<sup>®</sup> works directly with domestic violence shelters to enable more domestic violence victims to leave abusive households without leaving their pets behind and at risk. SAF-T also celebrates the human-animal bond and how family pets can provide comfort, reassurance and healing to adult and child survivors.

The SAF-T Program was created in recognition that families in violent situations often have pets and do not wish to be separated from them when fleeing their abusive environment. The [SAF-T Start-Up Manual](#) sets forth four housing styles and answers all the questions about how to safely house pets on-site at a domestic violence shelter. SAF-T saves lives!

### **Humane Society** - [humanesociety.org](http://humanesociety.org)

See “Starting A Safe Havens for Animals Program.” “While domestic violence advocates recognize the connection between animal cruelty and family violence, they need more resources to assist victims in safety planning for companion animals. Fortunately, Safe Havens for Animals™ programs can help.”