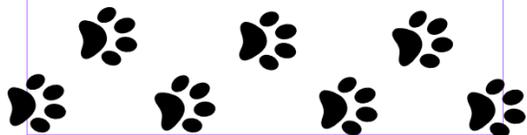


WHAT IS PAWS PROJECT?

Many people consider their animals to be family and are unwilling to leave violent situations because they cannot take their animals with them. The mission of this program is to provide safety and security to pets of those who have experienced violence. The Paws Project is partnering with local humane societies, boarding facilities, and individual fosters to provide safety and security for pets as families escape domestic violence situations



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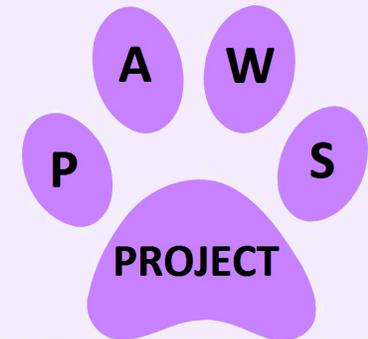
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Paws Project works with the House of Ruth Domestic Violence Shelter and multiple animal housing facilities. The goal of this program is to provide safety and security to pets of those who have experienced violence.

Paws Project uses a multidisciplinary approach to anticipate and respond to issues of domestic violence when families have animals. This can include providing housing for the family and animal, providing emergency medical care to the animal, or providing examinations and investigations when animal abuse or neglect is suspected.

Paws Project can care for all animals including livestock and exotic animals.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ANIMAL ABUSE

FACT: Domestic violence, child abuse, and animal abuse frequently occur simultaneously in a family.

- Multiple studies have found that from 49% to 71% of victims of domestic violence reported that their pets had been threatened, harmed, and or killed by their partners.
- In a national survey, 85% of domestic violence shelters indicated that women coming to their facilities told of incidents of pet abuse.

FACT: Individuals who commit pet abuse are more likely to become batterers.

- Pet abuse was identified as one of the four significant predictors for intimate partner violence in a recent “gold standard” study conducted by Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell and colleagues in three metropolitan areas over a period of seven years.

FACT: Animal abuse often is linked to the severity of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV).

- Studies have found a significant association between physical and severe psychological IPV perpetration and a history of animal abuse, as well as an association between pet abuse and controlling behaviors in violent relationships. Moreover, over the past ten years, more and more studies confirm a significant association between animal maltreatment and more frequent and severe forms of intimate partner violence (IPV).

WHY IS THIS A PROBLEM?

A New Jersey study found that in 88% of families where there had been physical abuse of children, there were also records of animal abuse. In Wisconsin, victims of domestic violence revealed that in four out of five cases, abusive partners had also been violent toward pets or livestock.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence conducted their own study in which 85.4% of women and 63.0% of children reported incidents of pet abuse after arriving at domestic violence shelters.



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