

Sheltering Pets at Family Violence Shelters

“There are so many victims in abusive relationships who don’t leave home because they have nowhere for their pets to go. To know that their pets are in a safe place is such a relief. RedRover’s help is potentially lifesaving.”

~ Diedra Davis of Resource & Crisis Center of Galveston County, Inc.



71 percent of pet-owning women entering shelters reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed or threatened family pets for revenge or to psychologically control victims.

Often, victims stay in abusive homes for fear of subjecting their animals to continued abuse if left behind. Animals left behind often face abuse, torture or death.

- 52 percent of victims in shelters leave pets with their batterers.
- Up to 65 percent of domestic violence victims are unable to escape their abusers because they are concerned about what will happen to their pets when they leave.
- In a study of 57 families being treated for incidents of child abuse, 88 percent also had records of animal abuse.

Together with *Sheltering Animals and Families Together (SAF-T)*, RedRover Domestic Violence Safe Housing grants enable organizations that provide emergency sheltering for victims of domestic violence to create space to house the pets of domestic violence victims on-site with their families. Grants are intended to bridge a critical gap in funding to enable the pet housing project to begin.

RedRover Domestic Violence Safe Housing Grants Can Help

Grants, up to \$20,000, are offered throughout the United States on a one-time basis.

- ***Applicants must be recognized by the IRS as 501(c)(3) organizations.***
- ***Applicants must be agencies with a primary mission of sheltering victims of domestic violence.***

Applications are due on May 15 and October 15. Funding decisions will be made within 30 days of the application deadline.

We are especially encouraging shelters in these states, where there are no SAF-T shelters, to apply for grants: CT, DE, HI, ME, MA, MS, NE, NH, RI, and WV.



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