Offenders of domestic violence often have a pattern of abusing all members of the household—including children and pets. It is estimated that as many as 48% of domestic violence victims stay in abusive homes or delay leaving out of concern for the safety of their pets.

Few family violence shelters have the ability to house pets and many victims must choose between leaving their pets behind and staying with their abuser. RedRover, a national nonprofit organization, offers programs to keep families and pets safe.

“My dog is everything to me, she is all I have left in my life. She is my baby... You are a wonderful organization to help people in need, at a rough time in their life. You were God sent to me I feel. I can’t express my thanks enough. Thank you again.”
- Safe Escape Grant Recipient

“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.

How RedRover Can Help

- **Safe Escape** grants help families with pets safely escape domestic violence together. Funding is provided to help with the cost of temporary pet boarding while a client is in a domestic violence shelter. For safety reasons, the application must be submitted by a domestic violence shelter advocate.

- **Safe Housing** grants fund start-up costs for domestic violence shelters seeking to house pets on-site and off-site.

- **SafePlaceforPets.org** is an online directory of pet support programs connecting people and pets with a safe escape from domestic violence.