

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SAFETY PLANNING WITH PETS



Establish Proof of Ownership

If possible, make sure veterinary records, pet licenses, and adoption certificates are in your name.



Build a Safe Routine

Establish a safe walking route, find a walking buddy, and avoid leaving your pet outdoors unattended.



Know Where to Go

Identify a friend or family member who can care for your pet in an emergency or use domesticshelters.org to search for DV shelters with pet housing programs.



Change Your Care Providers

Avoid returning to locations your abuser may expect to find you. Consider finding a new veterinarian, groomer, and doggy day care.



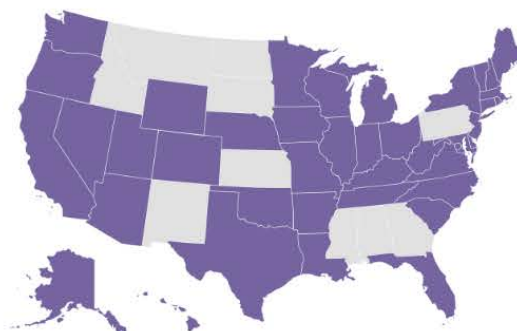
Create a Pet Go-Bag

Collect your pet's food, medications, vet records, license, ID tags, leash, and carrier. Store these items in a safe place or with a trusted friend.



Seek a Protective Order

40 states have laws that allow pets to be included in domestic violence protection orders. See if your state is one.



Update Your Pet's Microchip

Call your pet's microchip company to remove your abuser from their contact list and place a "do not disclose address" notice on your account. If your pet has a GPS collar or tag, make sure to remove it before leaving home.

DID YOU KNOW?

50%

of pet-owning survivors delay leaving their abuser out of concern for a pet's safety.

71%

of survivors report that their abuser injured, killed, or threatened their pet.

91%

of survivors report that their pet played a significant role in their ability to survive and heal.