

**SAFT...**  
**A life-saving program**



## Sheltering Animals & Families Together (SAF-T)

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Each year, approximately 10 million people are victims of intimate partner violence. Over 70% of American households have at least one pet. Pets are often targeted by an abuser as a way to maintain silence and compliance from those victimized. *If I can kill the dog, I can kill you* is the message heard.

Sheltering Animals & Families Together (SAF-T)® has led the global movement to help family violence shelters create on-site pet housing. Because studies have shown that up to 65% of partners will refuse or delay leaving an abusive home out of fear for their pets or livestock.

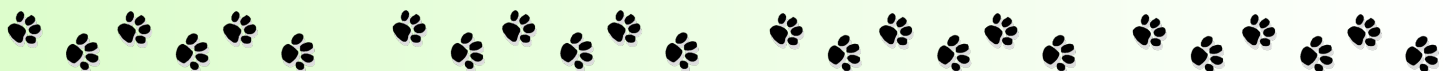
If a person leaves an abusive relationship without their pet, they may be lured back home with a threat to harm or kill the pet.

### *For Survivors:*

To see what shelters accommodate pets on-site, please visit [www.SAFTProgram.org](http://www.SAFTProgram.org)

To locate family violence shelters that have partnered with local animal organizations to house family pets off-site in safe locations or have a foster care program, please visit [www.safeplaceforpets.org](http://www.safeplaceforpets.org).

For financial assistance to board pets fleeing violent homes and for emergency veterinary care, please visit [www.SAFTProgram.org](http://www.SAFTProgram.org) Funding Opportunities page.



### *For Family Violence Shelters:*

If you are not accommodating family pets, you are missing an opportunity to help many families in your community. To learn how to become a shelter that safely welcomes pets, please contact Allie Phillips (SAF-T Founder & CEO) at [allie@alliephillips.com](mailto:allie@alliephillips.com) or request the SAF-T Start-Up Guide from [www.SAFTProgram.org](http://www.SAFTProgram.org).

