

**HE/SHE HURT YOUR PET.
WILL HE/SHE HURT YOU?
SOONER OR LATER,
HE/SHE PROBABLY WILL.**

Why do people abuse animals?

1. To control the animal or *you*.
2. To express anger at the animal or *you*.
3. To scare the animal or *you*.
4. To get back at the animal or *you*.

ADULTS THAT HURT ANIMALS

WILL EVENTUALLY HURT PEOPLE

Like child abusers, people who batter their partner may threaten to harm or actually kill a beloved animal in order to intimidate their human victims into obedience and silence.

If you are in a relationship with someone who is hurting your pet, call for help. You are not alone. Many people are going through a similar situation. There are caring people who want to help stop your pain.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ✓ **Make plans to get yourself and your children to safety.**
- ✓ **Contact Flagler Humane Society, "Project Safe Families, Safe Pets" to make arrangements in advance for your pet.**

If you can prepare for your departure in advance, try to have the following items when you leave:

- ◆ Vaccination & Medical Records
- ◆ Collar and Identification Tags
- ◆ License that Proves Ownership
- ◆ Dog Leash
- ◆ Cat Carrier
- ◆ Medications, if required

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*A PROGRAM TO HELP VICTIMS
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
BOTH HUMAN AND NON-HUMAN*

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**VIOLENCE IS
VIOLENCE...
ABUSE IS ABUSE....
IT DOES NOT
MATTER WHO IS
THE
RECIPIENT OF
THAT ABUSE!**

The importance of an animal companion's well-being to the battered guardian and their children has only recently been recognized. For a victim whose batterer has isolated them from family and friends, or for an abused child, or a child who is witness to abuse who has been frightened into silence, an animal companion may be the sole source of friendship and comfort. Yet most domestic violence shelters have no means to care for the animals, who often get left behind to suffer at the hands of the abuser.

Recognizing this important connection, Flagler Humane Society has implemented a program to help victims of domestic violence, both human and non-human.

**DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
AND
ANIMAL ABUSE**

Most of the women and children that go into shelter care have left at least one pet behind. Now they no longer have to leave their pet.

"Project Safe Families, Safe Pets" will foster companion animals of victims of domestic violence in our confidential foster homes or shelter. The care provider will feed and house the animal for up to thirty days, free of charge, until the family can arrange for their safety, and the safety of their animal.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, you don't have to leave your animal behind when you leave to get yourself to safety. We will help. Make plans to help yourself, your children, and your pets.

**PROTECTING YOUR
PETS
FROM DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

Pets are part of the family in many American households. In homes where there is domestic violence, pets are often threatened or injured by the violent partner. In several surveys of women entering shelter for protection from domestic violence, nearly half reported that their pet had been threatened, injured or killed by their partner. Others report that they delayed leaving their homes because they feared that their pets would be hurt when they left.

If your partner has threatened to harm your pet, both you and your pet may be in danger. We urge you to make plans to protect yourself and all of your family members including your beloved pet.

