

# Pets and Domestic Violence

**56%** of Women will delay leaving an abusive relationship because of a pet<sup>1</sup>

While most domestic violence shelters aren't able to accommodate pets, there are some organizations that may be able to care for pets temporarily while their owner is leaving violent situations or moving to a domestic violence shelter. Each of the following options are based on capacity and have some eligibility requirements. Programs may be able to provide vet care free of charge based on eligibility. For more information, scan the QR code or use the contact info provided below.



## **Peterborough Humane Society: 'SNooPy' Safe Nights for Pets Program**

- Program serves: owners leaving a violent situation.
- Length of stay: up to 21 days
- Web: <https://peterboroughhumanesociety.ca>,
- Call: 705-745-4722 ext 200



## **SafePet Ontario**

- Program serves: people fleeing family violence & human trafficking.
- Length of stay: up to a year to help survivors escape abuse.
- Web: <https://www.safepet.ca>
- Email: [info@safepet.ca](mailto:info@safepet.ca)



## **Lakefield Animal Welfare Society: Safe Pet Program**

- Program serves: animals in emergency situations i.e.: domestic violence, homelessness, etc.
- Length of stay: two-three weeks.
- Web: <https://www.lakefieldanimalwelfare.org>
- Call: (705) 652-0588



## **Peterborough Domestic Abuse Network**

Please scan the QR code or visit the PDAN website at <https://www.ccr-ptbo.com/pdan/> for more domestic violence resources



1. Amy Fitzgerald, Betty Jo Barrett, Deborah McPhee, Patti Timmons Fritz, & Rochelle Stevenson, "People in abusive relationships face many barriers to leaving — pets should not be one," *The Conversation*, June 16, 2020, <https://theconversation.com/people-in-abusive-relationships-face-many-barriers-to-leaving-pets-should-not-be-one-139540>