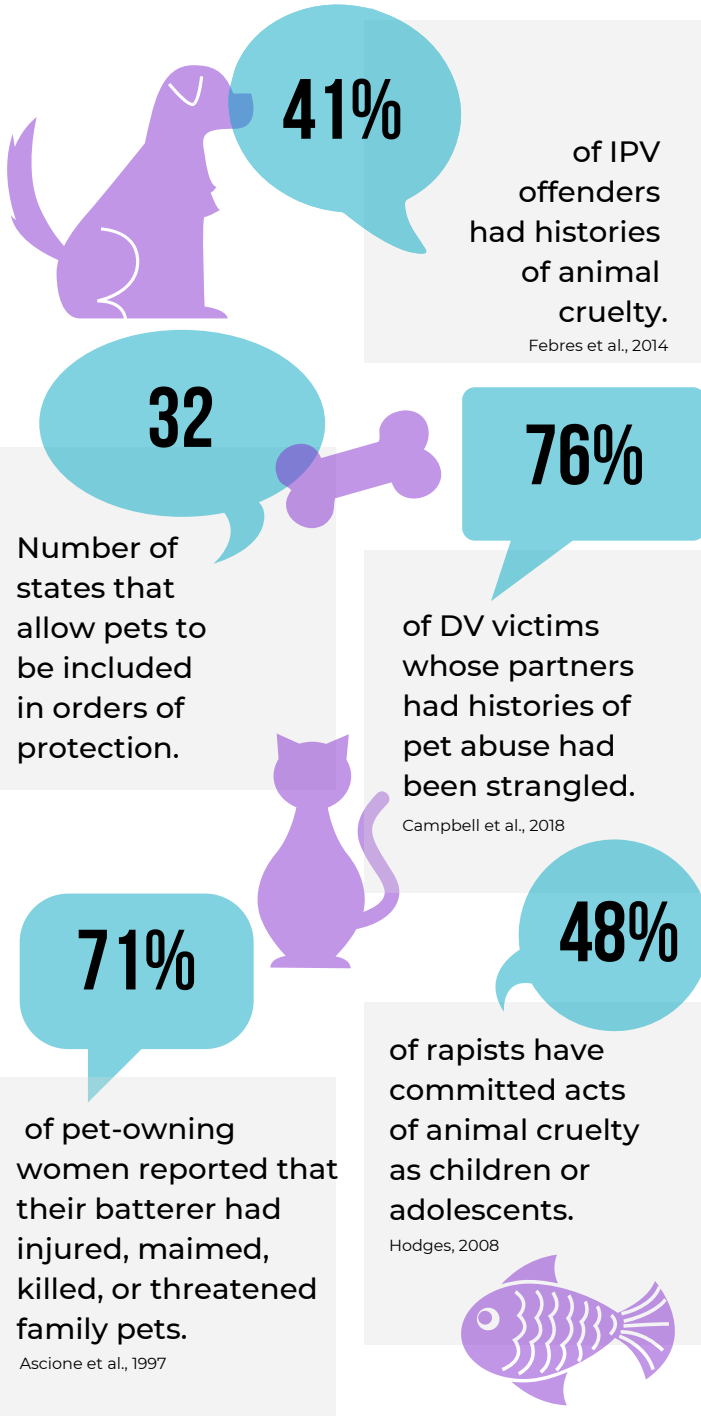




# PETS AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



Sixty-eight percent of all American households include companion animals<sup>1</sup>. In most cases, these animals are cherished members of the family. Individuals causing harm often use pets as a tactic of abuse to coerce, threaten, harass, intimidate, and otherwise control their victims.



**15%** of Arizona domestic and sexual violence programs are able to house pets when a survivor enters shelter. This includes only one program in Maricopa County. ACESDV, 2018

## PET SAFETY PLANNING

Keep emergency provisions for your pet such as:

- Food
- Medicine
- Documents of Ownership
- Health Documents
- Leash
- ID & Rabies Tag
- Carrier
- Toys
- Bedding
- Litter

## WHY WE LOVE OUR PETS

Pets are a treasured source of emotional support, unconditional love, and stability for abused individuals and children. Pets can often be a form of therapy for those who have experienced violence in their lives.

## WHAT IS THE BARRIER & RESOURCE COLLECTIVE (BARC)?

The BaRC project of ACESDV offers education, training, and technical assistance to bring solutions and support to Arizona communities in an effort to keep pets with their families. BaRC helps remove barriers to safety and services for domestic and sexual violence survivors through funds available for anything related to pets, like pet deposits, vet fees, boarding, or transportation. Contact [samantha@acesdv.org](mailto:samantha@acesdv.org).

## WAYS TO HELP

Donate • Advocate • Believe • Volunteer