"I had to cover vet bills, food bills, vaccinations for my dog when I left. My husband left our home, I stayed, and I had no one to help me with my dog so I couldn't go away for safety when I began to be stalked. She was protection for me but she also got me trapped in my home. ~Survivor of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive or coercive behaviors in any intimate or familial relationship that are used to gain and maintain power and control.

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.

Survivor Emergency Relief Fund
The Survivor Emergency Relief Fund helps support sexual and domestic violence survivors with costs associated with accessing safety and healing.

Please contact the Arizona Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline at 602-279-2980 or through chat at www.acesdv.org/helpline.

Partnering with a domestic or sexual violence program in your community is vital to enhancing safety for survivors and their pets. To learn more about how you can be involved in survivor and pet safety please contact samantha@acesdv.org

1 of IPV offenders had histories of animal cruelty.
Febres et al., 2014

41% of pet-owning women reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed, or threatened family pets.

71%