EVERYONE IS VULNERABLE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

71% of domestic violence survivors report their pets had been threatened, harmed or killed by their abusers

Animal abuse in domestic violence can be used as a coercive tactic, revenge or punishment. For children, witnessing animal abuse can have long-term devastating effects on their behavioral, social, emotional and cognitive development.

That’s why Hill’s is partnering with the YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment to provide foster homes for the pets of people seeking shelter from domestic violence.

Here’s how you can help:

• SIGN UP TO FOSTER
• VOLUNTEER TO TRANSPORT PETS
• DONATE TO THE PROGRAM

TOGETHER WE CAN BREAK THE CYCLE OF ABUSE.
WHY FOSTER?

Up to half of domestic violence survivors report they delayed their decision to seek safety out of fear for their animals’ welfare.

Animals who have been through traumatic experiences take time to build trust. They often experience separation anxiety and sadness at not being with their people.

For domestic violence survivors, being separated from their pets can be equally devastating. Knowing that their pets are being cared for in loving, safe homes allows them time to get the help and support they need without worrying that their pets are in danger.

If you decide to foster a pet, there are some important things to know:

• It will take patience and lots of love for some pets to start to trust again

• All pet food, supplies and veterinary costs will be covered

• The time you would be caring for the pet could range from 6 weeks to 3 months (we have volunteers who can step in if you need to travel). The average stay is 6 to 8 weeks.

• Confidentiality is vital — YWCA will share their Confidentiality and Safety Policy so you know how to protect yourself, the pet and the domestic violence survivor

• Avoid posting about your foster animal online (social media, etc.)

• Be mindful about taking your foster animal out in public

For a foster or volunteer application or more information, please email YWCApetfosters@gmail.com
YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment offers free and confidential services:
24/7 hotline for resources and information (1-888-822-2983)

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A STEP AHEAD FOR THEIR BEST LIFE