

PAWS for a moment...



In one study of battered women, 57% of those with pets said their partners had harmed or killed the animals. One in four victims said that she stayed with the abuser because she feared leaving the pet behind.

- Statistics courtesy of:
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Pet Transitional Living Program



**Violence can affect
EVERYONE in the
family and
EVERYONE deserves
to be safe**



A program in collaboration with
Bolton Refuge House

The Creation of PTLP



Pets are an important part of the family in many households. However, if domestic violence is prevalent, the family pet may become a victim also.

An abuser may threaten, batter or kill the family pet in order to maintain power and control over his/her victim(s).

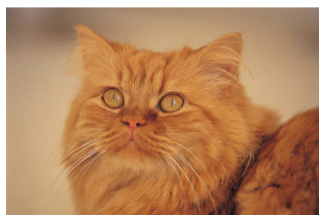
Many victims of domestic violence will not seek shelter for themselves, especially if there is no safe place for their animal companions to go.

The Pet Transitional Living Program was created to provide temporary shelter for all members of the family who are or could be in danger.

Volunteers Are Needed

We need caring individuals to open their hearts and homes to provide a safe haven for these animals until their families get settled in a safe environment.

If you love animals and would like to volunteer your time to a good cause, consider becoming a Foster Family. You will need to be approved as a Foster Home, by filling out the Foster Application and consenting to a site check of your home. You will be able to choose the type of pet that you would like to care for, including: dogs, cats, rabbits, small critters, guinea pigs, ferrets, birds and reptiles.



Donations Are Welcome

If you are unable to volunteer but would still like to help the Pet Transitional Living Program, consider sending a designated monetary donation. Donations will be used to provide veterinary care and pet supplies for animals that are being cared for through the PTLP project.

Checks can be sent to:

Bolton Refuge House
Attn: Gerald Wilkie
PO Box 482
Eau Claire, WI 54702-0482



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If you are being abused, you can reach us at (715) 834-9578 or (800) 252-4357

An advocate is available 24/7 for you and your family members to make safe arrangements for you and your pets.