



## Blog Article

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### Day 11 - 16 Days of Activism Domestic Violence and Pets

A recent Australian study revealed that approximately 50 per cent of women in violent relationships reported that their violent partner had hurt or killed one of their pets. The study also revealed that 33 per cent of these female pet owners, who were now living in crisis accommodation, had delayed leaving their violent relationship because of concerns for their pet's welfare.

Through the Community Domestic Violence program, RSPCA NSW aims to offer practical solutions for pet owners leaving situations of domestic violence. They safely house and care for pets, allowing women time to find safe refuge for themselves, with the aim of reuniting them with their beloved pet as soon as possible.

Services of the Domestic Violence program include: temporary foster accommodation and/or emergency pet boarding

- financial assistance for veterinary treatment
- financial assistance with impound fees
- financial assistance with transport fees

This community program was previously known as Safe Beds for Pets.

For more information please contact the RSPCA Community Programs helpline [\(02\) 9782 4408](tel:0297824408).

The helpline operates Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. During weekends and public holidays contact the RSPCA Contact Centre on [\(02\) 9770 7555](tel:0297707555).

Watch a story about the RSPCA Community Domestic Violence program here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ife0ZZ0i23k>