Are you living in fear of your partner and need to leave but are scared about leaving pets behind?

What Refs For Pets will do?

→ We will collect your pet.
→ We will house your animals with a home checked foster carer.
→ We will provide you with updates about your pet.
→ We will collect payments from you to pay for your animal’s food.
→ We will re-unite you with your pet when you are ready.

What you need to know

→ You will not be able to visit your pet. This is for the safety of your self and the fosterer. The service is confidential.
→ You will be required to pay for your pet’s food whilst it is being fostered.
→ We are not a 24 hour service but if you leave a message we will get back to you as soon as we can.

For more information on this service contact:

→ 0115 9348487 or 07971337264

If you need to talk to someone about domestic violence ring the 24-hour helpline on:

→ 0808 800 0340

For more information on domestic violence and animals go to:

→ www.thelinksgroup.org.uk or
→ www.ndvf.org.uk

Refs for Pets in partnership with NDVF

NDVF
Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum
Animals can be used in abusive relationships in the following ways:

→ Animals can be used to make you stay in a relationship
→ A partner may threaten to hurt or kill your pet if you behave in certain ways
→ A partner may threaten to hurt or kill your pet if you leave the relationship
→ A partner may refuse to look after and neglect your pet’s basic needs if you leave it behind as a way to keep you in a relationship
→ When you have left, a partner may threaten your pet to make you go back

If you fear for your animals safety and this is stopping you from leaving a relationship there is a service in Nottingham that can help.

Who can we help?
We can help any woman living in Nottinghamshire leaving or thinking of leaving an abusive relationship.

How can we help?
We can find a temporary home for your pets whilst you are living in temporary accommodation. This might include:

→ Staying in a refuge
→ Living in a hostel
→ Staying in Bed and Breakfast
→ Living with family or friends
→ Any other form of temporary accommodation you are staying in to escape domestic violence

What you need to do:
If you are thinking about leaving you might want to talk it through with a support worker from Women’s Aid - contact the helpline for help and safety advice.

If you are leaving an abusive relationship and are worried about the safety of your animals try and take your pets with you and leave them with a family or friend.

Contact Refs for Pets who will then arrange for your animals to be fostered.

If you have fled in an emergency and left your pets behind it may be possible for Refs for Pets to collect your animals with the help of a police escort.