

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Elizabeth Freeman  
Center 24/7 ..... 866-401-2425

Elizabeth Freeman Center ..... 413-499-2425

MSPCA Animal Cruelty ..... 800-628-5808

Police Emergency ..... 911

Berkshire Violence Prevention Center  
..... 413-499-0524

Elder Abuse Hotline ..... 800-922-2275

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[www.efcenter.org](http://www.efcenter.org)

BERKSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY  
[www.berkshirehumane.org](http://www.berkshirehumane.org)  
HAVEN  
[www.havennetwork.org](http://www.havennetwork.org)

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Break The Cycle  
Make A Difference*



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# SafePet Program



**PROTECTION FROM  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
IS NOT JUST FOR HUMANS.**

*Assisting victims of Domestic  
Violence and Elder Abuse by  
providing safe temporary  
shelter for their pets and  
companion animals*

## SafePet Program

*Because ... Everyone needs protection from family violence.*

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### What is SafePet?

A free program that provides short-term emergency housing for pets owned by individuals or families in crisis by providing a confidential network of foster homes free of charge.

*If I leave, who will take care of my pets?*

If possible, find a friend or family member to take your pet in.

**Many women will not leave an abusive situation for fear of harm to their beloved pets.  
SafePet is the way to help you.**



### Animal abuse takes many forms:

- Hitting, kicking, beating, maiming
- Drowning, burning, or throwing
- Denying food and exercise
- Confining for long periods of time
- Hoarding of animals
- Throwing at a wall or down the stairs
- Tormenting by pulling ears, limbs, or tail
- Withholding medication or veterinary treatment

### WARNING SIGNS...

- Disturbing treatment of pets in any way
- Any animal abuse in front of children

### WHY DO PEOPLE ABUSE ANIMALS?

- To control
- To express anger
- To scare you
- To get back at you



### Eligible Clients:

- A person entering a safe house or shelter
- A person having contact with the Elizabeth Freeman Center through counseling, the hotline or courts.

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To protect foster families, shelter clients, and elders, the entire procedure is confidential. All foster families are screened in advance of placement.

*For More Information  
Call the Elizabeth Freeman Center  
At 413-499-2425*

## Don't Leave Your Pets in Harm's Way

*If possible, bring the following items:*

- Proof of ownership
- Collar and ID tag
- Record of current vaccinations
- Dog leash or cat carrier
- Pet medications, if any
- Bedding & favorite toy



*How can I prove that I own my pet?*

An animal license, proof of vaccinations or veterinary receipts in your name will help.

*PLEASE NOTE: Animals deemed vicious or dangerous may be excluded from the program.*