



## THE NEED

Many of us consider our pets to be members of our family — and survivors of domestic violence are no different. Concern about their four-legged family members if they were to flee and be unable to take their pets with them often keeps victims in abusive and dangerous situations. We don't want this to be the case any longer.

To better protect survivors of all species in our community, we have created the Animal Advocacy Program. Most pets are a lifeline for victims, and we work diligently to preserve the human animal bond that exists between families and their pet.

## WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

**71%** of domestic violence victims report that their pets were either threatened, harmed, or killed by an abuser.

**52%** of domestic violence victims in shelters are forced to leave their pets with their abusers in order to seek safety.

**Up to 48%** of domestic violence victims are unable to escape their abusers because they are concerned about what will happen to their pets when they leave.

### PALOMAR

Oklahoma City's Family Justice Center  
1140 N. Hudson Ave  
Oklahoma City, OK 73103  
**Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 5:00pm**

[www.palomarokc.org](http://www.palomarokc.org)  
**(405) 588-7570**



**For 24/7 Domestic Violence support,  
contact the  
Oklahoma State Safeline  
1-800-522-7233 (SAFE)**



**HELPING PETS ESCAPE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**THE ANIMAL  
ADVOCACY  
PROGRAM**

**It takes a community to tackle  
domestic violence**

Please contact us to foster animals or to donate business services that support our mission.

[Estoverink@palomarokc.org](mailto:Estoverink@palomarokc.org)

For clients that enter The Animal Advocacy Program, we can provide these services:

## FOSTER

We will try to provide temporary foster homes for animals affected by domestic violence if reunification is something that they are wanting. This allows our human survivors to focus on their needs and finding a safe home until they are able to bring their entire family back together away from their abuser.

## VETERINARY CARE

We assist with coordinating veterinary care for animals that come into our program. This could include: spay/neuter surgery, rabies vaccine, flea/tick preventative, and basic veterinary care.

## PET PANTRY

We operate a pet pantry on site at Palomar so survivors can come in and receive the necessary items for their animal companion. This includes items such as: pet food, collar, leash, litter, toys, treats, etc.

