



# VETERINARY PRACTICES: *You can offer*



## SAFETY RESOURCES *for domestic violence survivors!*

Inquire about safety in the home in your clinic's visit questionnaire:  
*"Do you think your pets feel safe & secure at home?"*

Ask specific questions if inadequate care or fearful interactions are observed:  
*"Are there circumstances at home that prevent better grooming or that cause your pet to be fearful?"*

Work with a local domestic violence service agency to train your staff on the recognition of potential violence in the home and appropriate steps to take -  
*Check out [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org)*

Provide resources and referrals to agencies that can help -  
*Use non-threatening communication such as discrete placement of brochures or posters in the restroom*

Help all clients think about evacuation planning that includes pets -  
*Natural disaster readiness can help spark ideas for other safety planning*

