

# Companion Animal Rescue Effort

## Emergency Protective Care for Animals of Domestic Violence Victims

*Together, we can make a real difference for families affected by domestic violence.*

Join APNM'S CARE Network of Safe Haven Providers TODAY!

### THE NEED



- There are over 21,000 incidents of domestic violence reported in New Mexico each year.
- 80% of American households consider their animals part of the family.
- Up to 65% of domestic violence victims delay leaving or reporting their abusers due to concern for the safety and welfare of their companion animals.
- Over 70% of victims in domestic violence shelters with companion animals at home report their animals were threatened, injured or killed by the abuser.
- Most domestic violence shelters cannot accommodate animals, and most animal shelters, already overcrowded, are unable to hold and care for animals for prolonged periods of time.

Finding safe, confidential emergency housing for their animals is often a critical factor in empowering victims to leave a violent home.

### CARE PARTNERS

In early 2014, APNM forged a partnership with **The New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence** (NMCADV). Together, we successfully lobbied the New Mexico Legislature for state funding to grow and develop the lifesaving CARE Program. Championed by Senator Nancy Rodriguez, a significant funding request was approved! Today, APNM is working with NMCADV and the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to promote and expand CARE's critical services for domestic violence victims and their companion animals.

The need for safe havens offering temporary, confidential housing and care for the animals of domestic violence victims continues to grow. APNM now has the opportunity to reach out to other compassionate individuals, businesses, agencies and organizations to magnify CARE's impact across the state. While the CARE Network has helped many domestic violence victims and their animals since 1999, we're excited to move forward with a reinvigorated and growing CARE Program to continue this lifesaving work!

Now, we need your support to help meet this critical need for temporary emergency **FOSTERING, BOARDING, TRANSPORT & VETERINARY CARE** for companion animals throughout New Mexico. CARE *fostering or boarding is typically a minimum of 30-90 days.*

### **MORE PARTNERS are needed!**

If you or someone you know would like to help both people and animals affected by domestic violence, **join our CARE Network of Service Providers!**



**Fill out a CARE Service Provider APPLICATION today!**

**ONLINE at [www.apnm.org/care](http://www.apnm.org/care) or Contact Sharon Jonas at APNM (505) 265-2322, ext. 23 [sharon@apnm.org](mailto:sharon@apnm.org)**

> *If you know someone with companion animals who is experiencing domestic violence and needs help, victims or advocates can call the **CARE Hotline at 1.844.323.CARE (2273).*** <