



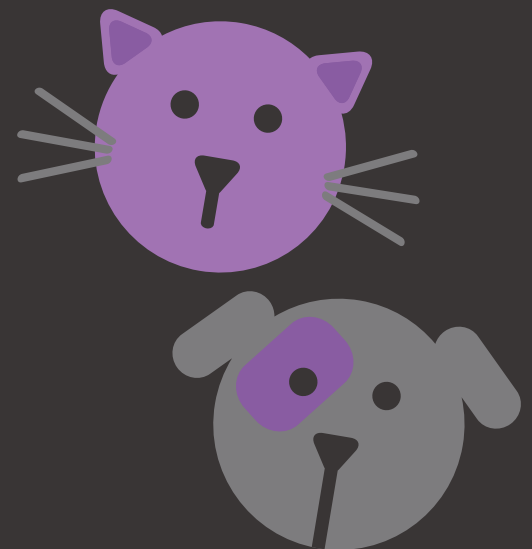
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WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE STAYING/PLANNING TO LEAVE

- Keep emergency kit for your pet in case your abuser withholds money.
- Keep the phone number of the nearest 24-hour emergency vet clinic.
- Establish ownership of your pet by creating a paper trail (e.g. obtain a license, have veterinarian records put in your name).
- Obtain emergency shelter for your pet that abuser doesn't know about.
- Keep documentation, toys, food, lease, leash, ID, medicine, and bed in a bag.
- If you must leave without your pet, make sure there is plenty of food, water, fresh litter, etc. available.

AFTER LEAVING AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP

- Keep pets indoors (if possible).
- Don't let the pet outside alone.
- Pick a safe route and time to walk your pet.
- Don't exercise/walk pet alone.
- Change your veterinarian.
- Contact grooming or border services to update the list of people who can pick your pet up from their business.



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