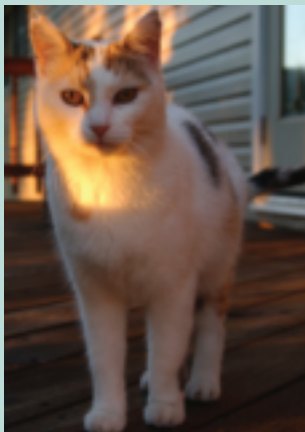


PetSafe is a program that provides short-term emergency housing for pets owned by individuals or families in crisis.

There are times when individuals or families cannot care for their pets. Homes might be lost to natural disasters, adults may seek emergency shelter to escape domestic violence, or the pet owner may need hospice care.



The PetSafe program, a community service offered by Purdue University's School of Veterinary Medicine, meets the short-term housing needs of these pets. PetSafe has successfully provided emergency shelter for approximately 15 pets per year since 1993 and has recently expanded to include pets affected by owners in hospice care.

There is no charge to the pet owner for the services provided and families are invited to visit their pets.

PetSafe provides:

- ☞ Up to three weeks of board
- ☞ Vaccinations, if necessary
- ☞ Food and water
- ☞ Daily, one-on-one care
- ☞ Family visitation



Getting Help

Families or individuals in need of assistance from PetSafe should ask an emergency agency representative to call (765) 494-1107 to speak with an associate of PetSafe.

Some points to remember:

- ☞ Any species of pet animal is accepted into the program.
- ☞ PetSafe can assist individuals and families who are victims of domestic violence and natural disasters, and pets of individuals in hospice care.



Who has PetSafe Supported?

- ☞ Families who were involved in catastrophic car crashes where uninjured animals also were in the car.
- ☞ Pets from houses that were destroyed by fire.
- ☞ Pets requiring temporary housing after owners have fled domestic violence situations.
- ☞ Pets of owners who had to abandon their homes during the recent Indiana floods.

PetSafe Is Needed

- ☞ Between 25% and 40% of battered women are unable to escape abusive situations because they worry about what will happen to their pets or livestock should they leave. (1)
- ☞ 71% of pet-owning women entering women's shelters reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed or threatened family pets for revenge or to psychologically control victims. (2)
- ☞ Battered women have been known to live in their cars with their pets for as long as four months until an opening was available at a pet-friendly safe house. (3)

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Help us -Help Animals & Families

PetSafe is administered by Purdue University's Center for the Human-Animal Bond, which is a resource for organizations that deal with the relationship between humans and animals.

Tax-deductible donations to PetSafe are used to help animals and families in need and are greatly appreciated.

Please make gifts payable to:
Purdue Foundation/SVM-PetSafe.

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Help for Pets in Crisis



PetSafe is dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional and medical needs of companion animals which belong to families in crisis.

Yes, I would like to support the PetSafe program. I am enclosing a donation in the form of a personal check for \$ _____.

Please make checks payable to the Purdue Foundation/SVM-PetSafe and mail to:

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Please contact me about the PetSafe program (please provide phone or e-mail)