

Vera House Pet Foster Care Program

In many cases, family violence victims delay leaving abusive situations because they fear for their pets' safety. As a response, in 2001 Vera House created the Foster Pet Care Program to give clients the peace of mind knowing that their pets will be well cared for.

We have a network of prescreened volunteers ready to accept companion animals into their home on a short-term basis while their owner is seeking shelter. We also have support from the **Liverpool Village Animal Hospital**, which provides pets with neutering, vaccinations and medical treatments on an as needed basis.

The Pet Foster Program is free of charge to participants. Vera House encourages owners to visit their pet or to check-in with them while in foster care, and will arrange visitations in a safe, neutral area.



What kind of animals use the Pet Foster Care Program?

- ◆ Dogs
- ◆ Cats
- ◆ Birds
- ◆ Caged reptiles
- ◆ Small, caged animals
(rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters,
gerbils)



Become a Pet Foster Care Volunteer

Vera House can always use Pet Foster Care Volunteers ready to open their homes to needy pets at a moments' notice. If you think you would be interested in helping in this way, please contact our Pet Foster Care Coordinator at 315.425.0818.

Community Support

Community support is also needed to keep our Pet Foster Care Program operating sufficiently. We are always in need of:



- ◆ Dog & Cat Food, dry & canned
- ◆ Cat litter & litter pans
- ◆ Dog & cat bedding
- ◆ Carriers & crates
- ◆ Food & water bowls
- ◆ Dog & cat toys

Additionally, participation from local veterinarians is very much appreciated as oftentimes foster pet animals need medical attention.

How You Can Get Help

Vera House 24-Hour Crisis & Support Lines
315.468.3260
315.422.7273

Pet Foster Care Program Information
315.425.0818

To Report Animal Abuse in Onondaga
County: SPCA Cruelty Investigation Office
315.454.3469

To learn more about the connection between
family violence and pet abuse, please visit
the Humane Society of the United States
website: <http://www.hsus.org/>



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