

Pet Abuse, Domestic Violence Often Occur in Same Household **Fear for Pet's Safety Prevents Many Victims from Leaving** *Your Support Helps Provide Solution*

You already know that when you support Artemis Center, you are helping to save human lives. But were you aware that you might also be saving the life of someone's beloved pet?

If you read the following story, you'll see what we mean.

Cynthia was in a terrible bind. She feared for her life and that of her 3-year old son because of her boyfriend's violent behavior. She wanted to leave. She knew if she didn't, she might end up dead. But she'd already checked with her local DV shelter and learned they did not

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accept pets. Cynthia didn't have to imagine what Greg would do if she left her pets alone with him. He'd already injured her old dog Ginger, and he'd thrown her kitten Callie against a wall. He had told her in sharp detail what would happen to the animals if she ever tried to leave him.

What was worse, she knew how harmful it was for her son to see all

the violence against her and the animals. If she stayed, her son would be emotionally damaged. If she went to shelter, the pets would suffer. If she fled with her child and pets, they would all be homeless. It was a prickly trap.

Then Cynthia came to Artemis. Her advocate told her about an animal shelter program for pets of victims trying to leave violent relationships. Under a protocol developed in collaboration with Artemis Center's Family Violence Collaborative, local shelters will safely house animals who would be threatened if left in the hands of a batterer. Some organizations keep the animals at their shelter, while others place them in appropriate foster homes. The protocol establishes visitation policies for the non-violent owners and their children.

Your support of Artemis Center helps fund these community collaboratives. But your help doesn't end with donations of money. Under an agreement between the Humane Society of Greater Dayton and Artemis, you can now be trained



to provide foster care for a pet in jeopardy. Your compassion can translate into safety for an animal and peace of mind for a victim.

If you would like to know more about becoming a trained pet foster parent, please contact Lee at LeeA@ArtemisCenter.org, or call her at 531-5709.

Harsh Reality Facts and Figures

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- Twelve independent surveys have reported that between 18 percent and 48 percent of battered women have delayed their decision to leave their batterer, or have returned to their batterer, out of fear for the welfare of their pets or livestock.
- Between 71-85 percent of women entering domestic violence shelters reported that their partner had threatened, injured or killed the family pet (Ascione, Weber & Wood, 1997).
- In a study of battered women in several northeastern states, 48 percent of respondents reported that animal abuse had occurred "often" during the past 12 months, and another 30 percent reported

that the abuse occurred "almost always." Respondents reported that animal cruelty incidents coincided with violent outbursts against human family members 51 percent of the time (Carlisle-Frank, Frank & Nielsen, 2006).

- Batterers who also abuse their pets are both more controlling and use more dangerous forms of violence than batterers who do not (Simmons & Lehmann, 2007).
- Research has shown that 62-76 percent of animal cruelty in the home occurs in front of children (Faver & Strand, 2001). Children often intervene to protect their mothers and pets from being battered. Some children may even allow themselves to be victimized

to save their pets from being harmed or killed (Edelson et al., 2003).

- Children who are exposed to domestic violence are nearly three times more likely to treat animals with cruelty than children who are not exposed to such violence (Currie, 2006).
- Animal cruelty committed by children is often symptomatic of future abuse toward other animals or people. (Boat, 1999): 36.8 percent of boys and 29.4 percent of girls who were victims of physical and sexual abuse and domestic violence have been reported to abuse their family pet (Ascione, 2005).

What Can You Do?

Report Animal Cruelty

You Could Save a Human Life, Too

If you suspect animal cruelty or pet abuse, please report it to your local animal protection agency. Animal control officers understand that there is a link between animal abuse and domestic violence. Your report could save lives – both animal and human.

In Montgomery County

Humane Society of Greater Dayton
268-PETS (7387)
Animal Resource Center 898-4457

In Greene County

Greene County Humane Society
(Livestock abuse only) 376-3001
Greene County Animal Control
(household pet abuse) 562-7400

ARTEMIS CENTER

Dayton's Domestic Violence Resource Agency

Legacy of Hope

The Artemis Center "Legacy of Hope" is a way for caring people to have a permanent impact on the lives of victims for years to come.

Artemis Center established "Legacy of Hope" so that supporters could provide long-range financial security to the organization and perpetual hope for the people we serve.

We do not ask for gifts now, but request that you consider including Artemis Center in your long-range financial plans.

For more information, please contact
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You Make Artemis Center Shine

We rely on your gifts throughout the year. Naturally, your donations of money can be used for whatever is needed most by our clients. But there are other ways you can demonstrate your compassion for local victims and their children. Please see below for all the ways you can support Artemis and bring hope and healing to the families we serve.

Volunteer

We have a particular need for:

- Babysitters to watch children while their moms attend support group meetings at Artemis
- Friendly folks to help out at the Girlfriend Ride on Oct. 6, 2012
- Occasional volunteers who can help us pick up and deliver furniture donations. A truck or van would be very helpful.

Shoes

We are in need of LOTS of women's shoes for a special project we're planning for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. Please collect your worn, broken or outdated shoes and bring them to Artemis. The shoes will not be given to clients or anyone else to wear.

Cell Phones

Your old cell phones are still worth a lot to us! When you donate a cell phone, it will be cleared of your personal information and either donated to a client for use during emergencies or recycled for cash to put back into our programs. Chargers and other accessories are not necessary. You can even give us your broken phones. Choose from any of the following drop-off sites for your convenience.

Artemis Center:

310 W. Monument Ave., Dayton.
Monday-Friday, 9am – 5pm

St. Leonard:

8100 Clio Rd., Centerville. Go to the Chaminade Security Desk, 24 hours a day, every day

Kondas Dental Group:

8708 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights.
Monday, noon – 6pm, Tuesday – Thursday 9am – 4pm

Clay Township Offices:

8207 Arlington Road, Brookville.
Monday – Friday 11am – 4pm

Brookville Police:

301 Sycamore Street, Brookville.
Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Montgomery County

Sheriff's Office:

345 W. Second St., Dayton.
Monday – Friday at the front desk.

Artemis Center Gala 2013

Make plans with your friends now to attend the 23rd annual gala on February 23, 2013. For all the details, you can check out the gala website at ArtemisCenterGala2013.kintera.org. You can help make this our most successful gala ever. Please consider the following:

- Sponsor a table or purchase tickets
- Donate an item for our "fantasy" auction. Some of our dream items include:
 - Apple iPad
 - One-of-a-kind experiences
 - Condo or cabin vacations
 - Handmade art objects (quilts, jewelry, paintings, sculpture, etc.)
 - Donate your credit card rewards points to Artemis so that we can purchase great auction items!

For more information about anything you see on this page, please contact Lee Alder at 531-5709 or email her at LeeA@ArtemisCenter.org

Your Donations Make Hope Happen

Clients' Notes Reveal You Make a Difference

From time to time, we receive notes from clients, past and present. They thank us for the help they received here. They tell us about their lives now. They are really thanking you. Without your financial support, these stories could never be told.

"I just re-discovered my first Artemis appointment card tucked inside my wallet. I keep it there to remind me of how far I've come, because of Artemis."

Kathy V.

"First you showed me how to be safe. Then you helped my sister, my niece and my girlfriend. It gives me chills to think what we all would have done without you."

Kendra W.

"When I was hurting and broken, you were there to help me. Now, I want to help someone else, so I'm sending you this check. Thanks for all you do."

LaDonna J.

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Hey, Girlfriends! Grab Your Helmets! Gather Your Friends!

Make plans now to join us for the 2nd annual Girlfriend Ride Dayton on October 6. This one-of-a-kind bike ride will begin in downtown Dayton with your choice of two paths: a short 20 mile route or a longer 40 mile route. Both rides are along our beautiful bike paths with plenty of SWAG Stops along the way.

Cruise alongside rivers and creeks. Pedal through the cool autumn woods. Enjoy delicious treats, and lively entertainment, pamper yourself with a massage and even learn to belly dance at this year's ride! Afterwards, meet up at Miami-Jacobs Career College for a post-ride cookout and party.

Claim your cute and colorful Girlfriend Ride 2012 T-shirt during registration. We'll be awarding prizes to the biggest team and best costume. And don't overlook our Poker Run – your chance to collect the best poker hand and win cash!

Register at www.girlfriendride.org. Early registration is \$30; day of registration is \$40. The first 100 riders to register will get a FREE Girly Bag! Stay up-to-date on all things Girlfriend and get entered for contests at the official Girlfriend Ride Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GirlfriendRide.