



Celebrating National Pet Month

May was National Pet Month- a time to celebrate our *furry, feathery, scaley, and everything in between* friends!

For ACESDV, National Pet Month was a time to shed light on the important role that pets play in survivors' lives. Pets are a treasured source of emotional support, unconditional love, and stability for survivors. Many survivors refuse to leave their pets behind in abusive homes, sacrificing their own safety for their pet companion.

ACESDV continues to advocate for survivors and their pets by raising awareness, advocating for more shelters to allow pets, and providing emergency funding for survivors and their pets (see a message from Sam, our Director of Victim Services below).

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Barrier Reduction Collaborative (BaRC) Update

Hello friends,

We're excited to share some updates about the work ACESDV is doing to support survivors of domestic violence and their beloved pets.

Since 2018, ACESDV has been focused on increasing access to pet-inclusive services for survivors across Arizona. We know that pets are family



—and for many people, the ability to keep that family together is vital to their healing and safety. More domestic violence programs across the state are embracing this approach, and we're proud to help lead the way.

Recently, Lauryn Fjell and I had the opportunity to speak at two national conferences about the connection between domestic violence, pets, and homelessness. These conversations are essential, because when we talk about safety, we must also talk about housing—and the role that pets play in both. The response has been incredibly positive, and we're honored that Arizona's efforts are inspiring others.

In September, I'll be sharing more about this work at the Nevada Coalition Conference, highlighting the steps Arizona programs have taken to support survivors and their animals. It's our hope that more communities across the country will join this movement.

We're also thrilled to be partnering with the University of Arizona's School of Veterinary Medicine and Purina for an upcoming event on October 18th in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). More details to come!

Lastly, while we currently have funding for rental assistance (including pet deposits), many survivor needs still go unfunded—things like pet carriers, boarding costs, medical care, food, and even toys. Our Helpline team continues to help survivors and their pets every day, and we're always grateful for additional support from the community.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we're creating a safer, more compassionate future for every survivor—and every pet.

Warmly,

Samantha Hinchey
Director of Victim Services

Lauryn Fjell
Domestic Violence Response Coordinator

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ACESDV Pets Love Our Merch!



ACESDV Pet Merch

We're thrilled to share that dozens of you joined the pack by purchasing items from our limited-time ACESDV Pet Merch Collection this May!

Every bandana, cap, and sling bag proudly worn by you and your pets helps spread awareness—and supports our mission to end sexual and domestic violence in Arizona.

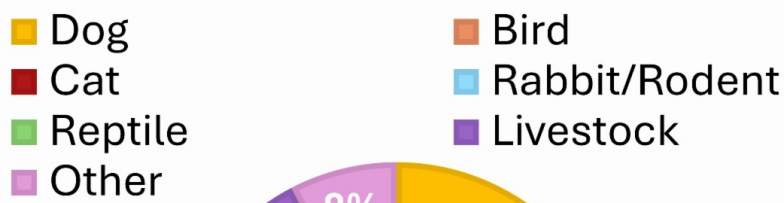
You and your pets are true advocates. Thank you for continuing to support #EVERYsurvivor.

Stay tuned for our next merch drop, coming soon.



ACESDV Merch
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We asked, you answered!
What kind of pet do you have?



Thank you for showing up for survivors—and for their pets. Whether you're sporting our pet-themed merch, sharing resources, donating, or simply having conversations about the role pets play in healing—you are part of a growing movement that recognizes that #EVERYsurvivor matters, including those with paws, feathers, or scales. Let's keep this momentum going—together. Survivors and their pets deserve safety, support, and a future full of possibility.

To continue the efforts to uplift our community's voices, please feel free to participate in the poll below

What does #EVERYsurvivor mean to you?

Strength

Hope

Empowerment

Courage

Unity

Questions? Please email info@acesdv.org.



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