

## SAFEPET - OVMA Participants Program

SAFEPET was established in 2003 by the OVMA (Ontario Veterinary Medical Association) to aid women leaving abusive partners and provide temporary foster care for their pets. Volunteer foster parents are matched with foster pets.

48% of surveyed Ontario women who left their abusive partner said leaving their pet behind delayed their own decision to leave.

61% of surveyed Ontario women who left their abusive partners stated their partners brutalized or killed pets.

Becoming a foster parent through SAFEPET can provide peace of mind to the abused women. The temporary placement of their pet can help provide the support they need to seek safety.

For more information on how you can help go to <http://www.ovma.org>.

