



## Problem Solving for You and Your Cat

# Domestic Violence

**If possible, make your cat part of your escape plan if you are in an abusive relationship.**

**Where possible, don't leave your cat alone with an abusive partner.**

**Check if pets are allowed to be a part of protective orders.**

### **If you are planning to leave:**

**Talk to friends, family, vets about temporary care for your cat. If that is not an option, contact the following for advice:**

- Department of Health and Human Services on 1300 135 513 or
- 1800RESPECT - National Sexual Assault, Domestic Family Violence Counselling Service on 1800 737 732.

### **Take steps to prove ownership of your cat:**

Desex, vaccinate and microchip your cat, ensuring the details are up to date with your current contact details. Most boarding facilities cannot board a cat if they are not desexed and an up to date vaccination certificate cannot be presented.

Pack a bag for your pet that includes:

- Food, food and water bowls (or containers), medicine, toys.
- Photographs of your pets in zip lock bags.
- Documents of ownership – receipts from adoption/purchase of cat, microchip/vaccination records, receipts from veterinary services and any other related purchases.
- Carrier/large container/box which has ventilation holes (or ventilation holes added) and a lid which can be secured, bedding, toys.
- Litter tray and litter.

If you must leave without your cat, leave enough food, bedding, litter, etc. for your cat.

**If you've left your pet behind with your abusive partner, ask for assistance from law enforcement officials to see if they can intervene.**

### **If you are able to leave with your cat:**

- Keep it indoors.
- Avoid leaving it outside alone.

Remember, your situation is unique and these tips may not work for everyone.

*If, after following the recommendations above, you require the assistance of Ten Lives visit: [tenlives.com.au/surrender](https://tenlives.com.au/surrender) for information on Surrendering Your Cat to Ten Lives.*

## Emergency Boarding Facilities

Ten Lives are unable to assist with emergency boarding, however, the following catteries may be able to assist you:

### Cats on Summerleas

212 Summerleas Road, Kingston  
PH: 0407 867 627

### Catnip Cattery

56 Kathleen Drive, Old Beach  
PH: 6275 0555

### Enfield Cattery

Enfield Lane, Richmond  
PH: 0408 003 821

### Cosy Cats

38 Merediths Road, Margate  
PH: 0408 381 109