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Thanks you Jen! You and Kyle are powSome!

Dear Jennifer,

Thanks to My Cat Kyle's recent donation of \$2,000.00 in support of support RedRover's Domestic Violence grant program, we are enabling families and pets to leave abusive situations, together. Your generous gift will help us provide financial support for veterinary care and pet boarding for victims of domestic violence through our Safe Escape grants, and our Safe Housing grants provide start-up funds to family violence shelters so they can build on-site pet housing, both of which enable domestic violence victims to leave abusive situations without having to leave their pets behind.

Family pets often become innocent targets for abuse in domestic violence situations. According to a national survey of domestic violence shelters, 85 percent of women and 63 percent of children who entered the shelters reported incidents of pet abuse in their homes. Animals are used for psychological control and revenge, and when left with abusers, they often face torture or even death.

Domestic violence shelter advocates across the country are becoming increasingly aware of this issue. Currently, there are 13 states with no on-site housing for pets.

The majority of shelters have no means to house pets and many are forced to turn clients away, but thanks to your generosity, more pets are able to escape domestic violence with their families. "There are so many victims in abusive relationships who don't leave home because they have nowhere for their pets to go," said Diedra Davis of Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston County, Inc. "To know that their pets are in a safe place is such a relief. RedRover's help is potentially lifesaving."



Your donation will support of RedRover's Safe Escape grant program and help pets escape domestic violence – *with their families*. We couldn't offer programs like these without the support of concerned people like you! Thank you so much for your generosity and for your commitment to RedRover.

Warmly,

Nicole Forsyth
President and CEO

P.S. RedRover's new app to build empathy is now free to download! Together, we can #TeachEmpathy and make the future more compassionate for all. Visit RedRover.org/e-book to download the app today!

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