

November 28, 2016







My Cat Kyle

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Dear Jennifer and Kyle,

Thanks to your recent gift of \$1,250.00 to support the RedRover Relief Domestic Violence Safe Housing grant program, we are enabling families to leave their abusers with their pets by ensuring family violence shelters have the resources they need to accommodate companion animals, keeping people and pets together in times of crisis. Thank you for making this life-saving work possible.

As you may know, many domestic violence shelters do not have the means to house pets, which means that victims are left facing the difficult decision to either leave their pets behind or remain in an abusive environment. Sadly, many victims stay in abusive homes for fear of subjecting their animals to abuse if they leave. RedRover's Domestic Violence Safe Housing grants provide funds to help domestic violence shelters become pet-friendly so that no member of the family is left behind.

In July of 2015, RedRover awarded a Safe Housing grant to the Urban Resource Institute (URI) in New York, New York. Our funding helped the URIPALS (URI People and Animals Living Safely) program provide safe, in-room housing for families and their pets. Because of their relationships with other organizations, such as the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals and Purina, URIPALS is also able to help with pet supplies, veterinary care and even an animal behaviorist.

While URIPALS offers an outstanding co-sheltering experience, cosheltering can be just as amazing on a smaller scale. The Lake Family Resource Center in Kelseyville, California, received a Safe Housing grant from RedRover in 2013. With it they have built an

outdoor kennel with room to house dogs from three families, and have an in-room kennel for cats or small dogs. Because they service a smaller community, the co-sheltering options that Lake Family Resource offers fit their needs perfectly.

We are so grateful that the domestic violence community is beginning to understand the central role pets play in domestic violence. And we are so grateful that you and other our compassionate members so generously support our efforts to enable victims of domestic violence to leave abusive situations with their pets. Thank you for taking action and making a real difference in the lives of animals.

Warmly,

Nicole Forsyth
President and CEO

P.S. Preventive veterinary care is so important! Will you take the #IHeartMyPet pledge? Visit RedRover.org/IHeartMyPet to take the pledge and follow our educational campaign throughout the year.

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