



HELP HAVEN BUILD A PLACE FOR PAWS

"I THINK THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES ME FEEL BETTER IS HUGGING MY DOG."

—LUCY, AGE 7, HAVEN SHELTER RESIDENT

Dear friend of HAVEN,

Just like people, pets can be victims of domestic violence. Many survivors of domestic violence will not leave an abusive partner because they don't want to leave their pet behind. The fear for their pet's safety is valid--abusers may harm or threaten to harm a pet as a means of control, or even kill a pet to punish a victim for leaving. A national study of survivors of domestic violence concluded that 54% of the survivors living in shelter had experienced the injury or death of a pet at the hands of their abuser. Furthermore, children who witness the abuse or death of a pet may experience extreme psychological trauma.

AT HAVEN, WE THINK THAT NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEIR OWN SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF THEIR BELOVED PET.

The new Farber Family Pet Center at HAVEN will provide a secure space within the shelter complex for the companion animals of domestic and sexual violence survivors living at the shelter. The pet center will include separate cozy kennel areas for dogs and cats with additional space for "pocket" pets, birds, and other small domestic animals. An outdoor run and play area will provide a safe area for exercise. Residents will be able to spend time playing with and caring for their pets, further aiding in their healing journey.

HAVEN'S Farber Family Pet Center will assist victims who would not consider any safety option that did not include their pets, reduce the chance that a victim returns to an abusive home to protect their pet, and provide comfort to an abused or traumatized child or victim of violence.

Please consider contributing to help HAVEN build a Place for Paws. For more information about how to give or naming opportunities, please contact Hannah at 248-322-3705 or hheebner@haven-oakland.org.

Sincerely,

Amna Osman, President & CEO



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No One Should Have to Leave their Best Friend Behind



According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence...

Up to **40 percent** of domestic violence victims are unable to escape their abusers because they are concerned about what will happen to their pets when they leave.



70 percent of pet owners entering domestic violence shelters report that their abuser had threatened, injured or killed family pets.



Women without children are **33 percent** more likely to postpone seeking shelter out of concern for their pets' safety.



No one should have to choose between their pet's safety and their own. Soon, survivors of domestic violence seeking shelter at HAVEN will not have to leave their pets behind. HAVEN's Farber Family Pet Center will have cozy kennels and cages for furry family members and even pocket pets



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Naming Opportunities



Outdoor Play Zone - Sold

A fenced-in play area for dogs and their families.

Cat Cave - \$10,000

A room to house four cat cages and the Romper Room.

Dog Den - Sold

A room to house five dog kennels and the Dog Lounge.

Dog Lounge - Sold

Playing and snoozing area for canine friends.

Romper Room - \$6,000

Playing and snoozing area for feline friends.

Pet Spa - Sold

Space to clean and beautify residents' furry friends.

Dog Runs - \$4,000 each (5 Available)

Individual outdoor spaces for each dog kennel.

Dog Digs - \$4,000 each (1 Sold, 4 Available)

Individual kennels to keep dogs safe and warm.

Cat Condos - \$2,500 each (4 Available)

Individual cages to keep cats safe and warm.

Storage Room - Sold

Storage for toys, food, and of course, treats!

Paw Tiles - \$250 each (76 Available)

Purchase a paw tile and you will receive a "Paw Print Kit" to create your own customized tile.

Tiles will line the walkway from the shelter to the pet center.



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