

Wood Green Animal Shelters

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Website www.woodgreen.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 298345

Areas covered Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire.

Pets fostered All domestic animals from people fleeing domestic violence.

How to access scheme Owner must be going into a refuge and confirmation supplied plus contact details of refuge/Keyworker. Legal form to be signed by client. At all times the animals belong to the owner.

Food/Vet expenses Owners are requested to make a contribution to these costs.

Pet Fostering Service Scotland

PO Box 6, Callander FK17 8ZU

Tel 01877 331496

Website www.pfss.org.uk

Registered Charity No. SCO15672

Areas covered All of Scotland.

The process Owners must sign an Authorisation Form, a Fostering Request form and Receipt Form.

Food expenses Pet food must be provided or payment made on a weekly basis.

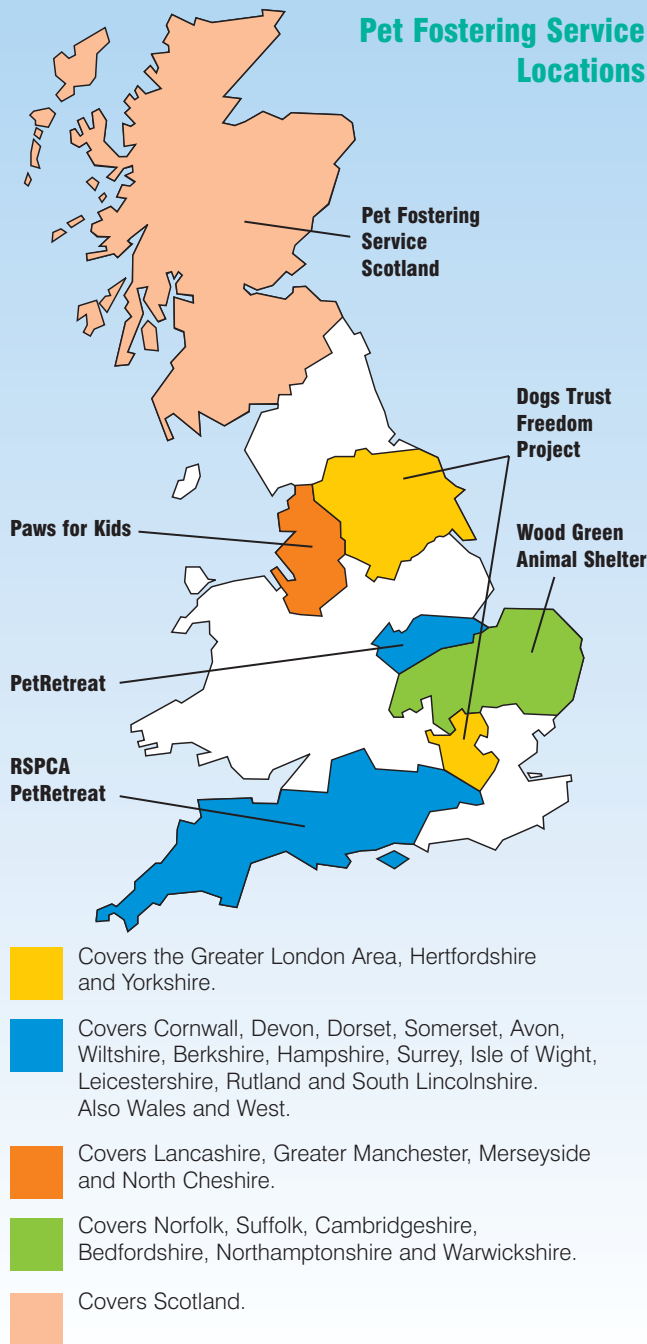
**If you are suffering violence in the home,
phone the Freephone 24hr**

National Domestic Violence Helpline

0808 2000 247

(run in partnership between Refuge & Women's Aid)

Trained staff can provide you with emotional and practical support and help you access safe, emergency accommodation if necessary.



Pet fostering services

for women fleeing domestic violence



www.thelinksgroup.org.uk

The Links Group is a multi-agency interest group that promotes the welfare and safety of vulnerable children, animals and adults so that they are free from violence and abuse. Members comprise of leading associations and charitable organisations.

As part of The Links Group, some charities offer pet fostering services specifically for pets belonging to women fleeing from domestic violence. For many women and children who leave violent relationships, the options open to them regarding their pets are very limited.

The services listed in this leaflet ensure pets are cared for in a volunteer foster carer's home until their owner is able to be reunited with them.

All placements are strictly confidential.

Dogs Trust Freedom Project Greater London

PO Box 50208, London EC1V 7XP

Tel 0800 298 9199

Email freedomproject@dogstrust.org.uk

Website www.dogstrustfreedomproject.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 227523

Areas covered Greater London and Hertfordshire.

Dogs Trust Freedom Project Yorkshire

PO Box 280, Leeds LS14 9BF

Tel 0800 083 4322

Email freedomproject@dogstrust.org.uk

Website www.dogstrustfreedomproject.org.uk

Areas covered All of Yorkshire.

Pets fostered Dogs Trust will only arrange foster care for dogs over the age of six months under this scheme. Temporary care for cats can also be arranged with Cats Protection through the Freedom Project in Greater London and Hertfordshire only.

How to access scheme Referrals are taken from agencies and/or direct from the owner provided they supply confirmation they are fleeing domestic violence ie. letter from Social Worker, Police Domestic Violence Unit or Temporary Housing Provider.

The process A Dog Information Form asking specific details about the dog's habits and behaviour has to be completed by the client before a suitable foster home can be found. In addition a legal contract has to be signed by the owner. Dogs that behave aggressively will not be considered for foster placement.

Food/Vet expenses All veterinary costs will be paid by Dogs Trust and if a dog is not neutered or vaccinated this will be carried out as soon as possible. Dog food and any canine equipment required will be supplied by Dogs Trust.

Length of placement Foster placements are for an average of 6-9 months whilst the women are waiting to be re-housed. Arrangements can be made to re-home through one of the charity's centres if the owner decides she is unable to take it back.

Paws for Kids

PO Box 329, Bolton BL6 5FT

Tel/Fax 01204 698 999

Email info@pawsforkids.org.uk

Website www.pawsforkids.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 1084861

Areas covered Women's Aid Federation of England in North West region - Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside.

How to access scheme If pets are part of the family, referrals can be taken directly from women fleeing domestic violence or from any of the agencies that may be contacted for help; this includes Refuges, Help-lines, Police Domestic Violence Units, Social Services, Victim Support, Housing Advice Centres, Hospitals & Clinics etc.

The process A form must be completed with pet's details, including: vaccination/neutering status, pet's size, breed, behavioural problems, socialisation with other animals and children. Equipment to be provided by owner.

Pets fostered All domestic pets - dogs, cats, small furies, birds, fish etc. Referrals for un-neutered cats and dogs are only accepted with the owner's agreement to neuter.

Food/Vet expenses Owners are asked to contribute towards the costs of food and any veterinary treatment their pet may need.

Length of placement Pets are fostered for the length of time women are in refuge/hostel, the average being 4-5 months.

Re-homing If a pet is unclaimed or woman leaves the refuge and does not notify the charity, the pet will be re-homed via local sanctuaries.

RSPCA PetRetreat

RSPCA Regional Headquarters
Black Hat Lane, Exeter, Devon EX2 9TA

Tel 07715 540182

Email petretreat@rspca.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 219099

Areas covered Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Avon, Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Berkshire, Surrey and Isle of Wight. Also Wales and West.

How to access scheme Referrals for established family pets, from any agency providing the person is going into a refuge and confirmation supplied.

The process Pet Acceptance Forms to be completed at collection point. Including: vaccination/neutering status, pet's size, breed, behavioural problems, socialisation with other animals and children. There is a 10 day assessment period in which time all veterinary treatment is carried out.

Pets fostered We will endeavour to foster any established family pet.

Food/Vet expenses Owners are requested to make a contribution to these costs.

Length of placement This is on average 6 months.

PetRetreat

PO Box 60, Peterborough, PE1 5SZ

Tel 07910 721797

Email petretreat@southwitham.com

Registered Charity No. 219099

Areas covered Leicestershire, Rutland and South Lincolnshire.

Please contact direct for how to access the service.