



When Animal Abuse Links to Family Violence: *Strategies for Safety*

For social workers, advocates, child protection staff, and law enforcement

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Research shows a strong link between **animal abuse and family violence**. Professionals working with children, survivors, and families often encounter pets used as tools of control. Understanding this connection strengthens safety planning and intervention.

- Recognize warning signs
- Support families with pets in crisis
- Strengthen cross-agency collaboration
- Improve investigation and prosecution approaches

This training has been approved by the NASW-Michigan Chapter for 1.5 synchronous General social work CEs: Approval Number 20260429-CA-RAEV.

 **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**

 **10:00–11:30 AM EDT**
Arrival 9:30 AM

 **In-Person Training**

Ottawa County Family Justice Center
12240 Fillmore St, West Olive MI

 **\$45 per person**

 **Intermediate Level**

Register: <https://bit.ly/4b0rD5A>



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