

ANIMALS AND ABUSE

Animals are frequent targets in domestic violence relationships because they often represent an extension of the person who is being abused. Pets are used to demonstrate power and control over the family as well as means of maintaining control. Animals are threatened, beaten, or killed in an effort to maintain control over the person who is being hurt. Animal abuse is a recognized form of domestic violence because of the deep implications it has for a survivor. Threatening, injuring or killing animals indicates the potential for increased lethality in the relationship.

Domestic violence survivors and advocates have long recognized the abuse of pets; however, due to funding constraints and safety issues, shelters have been largely unable to provide shelter for animals. This inability has created a tremendous barrier to survivors as they contemplate leaving the relationship. Without a guarantee of pet safety, survivors are highly reluctant to leave.

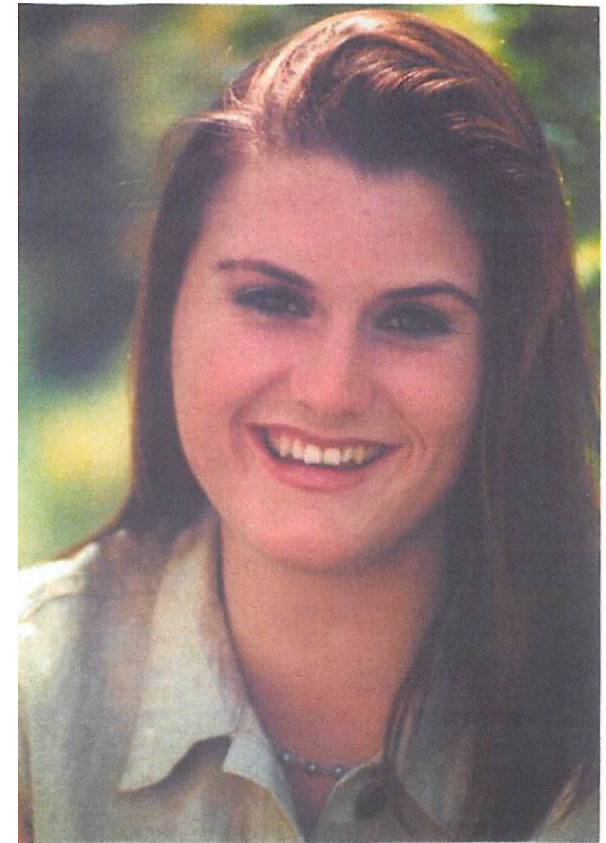
Because of Jennifer's life long love of animals, we have established the **Jennifer Bushnell Memorial Fund** in her memory. This fund will provide safe boarding for a client's dog or cat, while they are in emergency shelter.



Gucci was Jennifer's beloved pet at the time of her death.

Jennifer Bushnell Memorial Fund

A fund for board/care of a client's cat or dog while in shelter



January 5, 1978—February 20, 2007

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Jennifer Alyson Bushnell

Jennifer was taken tragically on February 20, 2007, in Flag City, CA at the age of 29. She was born in Garberville, CA and attended Redway Elementary, Miranda Jr. High, and graduated from South Fork High School in 1996. Jennifer attended College of the Redwoods Nursing Program.

Jennifer always loved animals; while growing up she was a 9 year member of the Garberville 4-H Club. Jennifer has left behind her beloved dog Gucci, who was with her at the time of this horrific tragedy, and now lives with Jennifer's mother, Angie Gillam.

Memorial contributions

can be made to:

HDVS
c/o Jennifer Bushnell
Memorial Fund
P.O. Box 969
Eureka, Ca 95502

HDVS SERVICES:

- 24-Hour Support Line: (707)443-6042 / Toll Free: 1-866-668-6543
- Community Resources and Referrals
- Emergency Shelter
- Support Groups—free childcare available by reservation
- Children's Services
- Emergency Food and Clothing
- Restraining Order Assistance
- Court Accompaniment

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Other Community Resources:

- Victim Witness: (707) 445-7417
- Legal Services of Northern California: (707)445-0866
- Northcoast Rape Crisis Team: (707)443-2737
- Youth Service Bureau (YSB): (707) 443-8322