

**FOR THE LOVE OF DOGS: WHY  
EVERY STATE SHOULD INCLUDE  
PETS IN CIVIL PROTECTIVE  
ORDERS**

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This Article explores how the human-animal relationship is affected by domestic violence. Specifically, the Article addresses the strong correlation between animal abuse and human interpersonal violence. One of the solutions that this paper offers is for all states to provide protection to pets through statutory civil protective orders. Detailed discussion of what constitutes animal abuse, how often domestic violence victims encounter animal abuse, and how likely abusers utilize animals as a control tactic are central to the policy argument for including pets in civil protective orders.