

# POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL

## Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse



### USING CHILDREN

Harming/killing children's pets to intimidate them. Blaming the "disappearance" of the family pet on the abused person to create a wedge between parent and child.

### EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Disappearing, giving away, or killing pets to take away source of unconditional love. Forced participation in animal abuse.

### DENYING & BLAMING

Blaming the abused person or the pet for animal cruelty. Killing the pet and saying it didn't matter because the pet was old.

### THREATS

To harm or kill the family pet if abused person leaves or asserts any independence.

### ECONOMIC ABUSE

Refusing to allow the abused person to spend money on pet food or vet care.

### INTIMIDATION

Harming or killing pet: "Next time, it'll be you." Targeting pets of family/friends who aid abused person.

### LEGAL ABUSE

Custody battles over pets. Filing theft charges if the abused person leaves with the pets.

### ISOLATION

Refusing the abused person to take the pet to a vet. Prohibiting the abused person from socializing the pet.



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