

Stories from Doorways Domestic Violence Hotline



The father (abusive partner) harmed the entire family for years with threats, intimidation, and physical aggression. It escalated to the point that he killed the dog in front of the woman and their child. He then made the 10 year old son bury the dog in the backyard.

*PIN read about PAWS in the newspaper and wants Doorways to take her dog. She does not want to leave the relationship but wants Tallulah to be somewhere safe because her boyfriend (abusive partner) has threatened to shoot the Rottweiler. Her boyfriend punishes the dog when he is mad at the caller. He has not hit the caller in over 9 months because last time she called the police. Instead, the boyfriend has been abusing Tallulah and he knows it upsets her even more. The boyfriend hit the dog twice in the face last night and her nose and eye are bloody. PIN feels like it was her fault because she did not do what he wanted her to do. PIN said "**I wish he would just hit me; I don't care if he kills me.**"*

PIN asked if Doorways would take the dog. When Doorways explained that we would not be able to house Tallulah without her, PIN began to cry. Doorways validated her feelings and brainstormed options. PIN stated that she did not think an animal shelter would accept her dog because she bit two people. The dog has been more aggressive and easily threatened since she moved in with her boyfriend about year ago. PIN can't give the dog to any of her friends, but her brother in Richmond would probably be willing to take care of the dog. PIN is going to ask one of her friends to drive her there.

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