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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express our support for the Best Friends of North Central Arkansas. Serenity, Inc. provides emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence and their children.

Many victims of family violence are too afraid to leave pets behind due to threats to kill or harm the victims' beloved dog or cat. Other victims will try to leave with their pets, only to have them stay in a car or be forced to relinquish them to the humane society for permanent placement.

Best Friends has stepped up and filled the void in services for victims of domestic violence with pets at risk. They have provided temporary shelter for pets of women seeking shelter. Both the person and the pets are safe and out of harm's way.

Domestic violence and pet abuse go hand-in-hand. We are thankful that Best Friends recognizes the connection and provides this much needed service of sheltering pets to victims of domestic violence.

Sincerely,

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