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Ahimsa House services
Thankfully, Ahimsa House's services remained accessible for clients. Our existing decentralized program model made for an easy transition to fully remote work for our staff, and with new precautions in place, our veterinary & boarding partners were able to continue serving pets.

Victims, Survivors, and Clients
Many victims of DV experienced additional challenges associated with escaping an abuser. DV shelters were forced to operate with limited capacity. Some victims were more hesitant to leave in a time of such uncertainty, while others struggled to even find enough time away from their abusers to leave due to social distancing mandates.

While these factors led to a decrease in our 2020 caseload, the clients who did seek our assistance reported increased difficulty in getting back on their feet; new housing and jobs took longer to locate, leading us to offer our clients and their pets longer stays in our program.

Our Supporters
Foster volunteers showed up in record-breaking numbers to ensure Ahimsa House pets had a safe place to stay, and donors embraced a year of virtual giving to keep our services funded. While eager to keep offering assistance where they could, many of our amazing partner facilities faced the same challenges as countless other businesses; for some, this meant pausing assistance or reducing the free/reduced-cost services they were able to provide for our pets.