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Domestic Violence services are extremely important. I have utilized them. On occasion one will make a false dv claim because they are unable to get their own way and are manipulative. When someone is unable to keep straight what supposedly happened to them but there is physical evidence that they were the aggressor in the form of police reports for stalking and stolen food stamps, this actually takes away from real domestic violence cases that need intervention. There is a horrible cycle with domestic violence, it is not just a one-time incident. Domestic violence tends to repeat itself and more often than not there is significant physical and mental injuries that occur if not loss of life. Once someone has suffered physical and mental trauma it is a real struggle to unlive it, technically the only way is to have intensive treatment of psychological injuries. There also needs to be programs for victims of domestic violence that have pets. Animals tend to be injured during domestic violence disputes, and this puts an unbearable burden on the owner who also witnesses the animal abuse. There needs to be funds put aside with towns, animal control, and animal welfare that are able to provide care needed to ensure an animal will not suffer from the abuse. x-rays and bloodwork alone for dog's ranges over \$700. Victims have a bond with their pets and if a pet is injured and the care is unaffordable forcing them to either monitor their pet or surrender their pet to ensure adequate care is provided. It causes so much distress for someone to witness the abuse of a pet and having to surrender to prevent suffering which in turn causes the victim to also suffer, losing everything they have and witnessing the trauma. Animal control and animal welfare needs training regularly to know how to approach a victim of domestic violence and to not start something where the abuser can hear which in turn will cause more issues and potentially another domestic. And for an animal control or animal welfare officer to ignore the trauma that someone has been through when they have no idea of the situation.