**Intimidation**: Harming or killing a pet and threatening that the same thing will happen to you if you don’t comply with abuser’s demands.

**Emotional Abuse**: Calling your pet names (“Your stupid, ugly dog is useless. We should just put him down!”) Giving away or killing a pet to take away your primary source of comfort and unconditional love.

**Isolation**: Refusing to allow you to take your pet to your preferred veterinarian. Prohibiting you from socializing your dog with other dogs.

**Minimizing, Denying, & Blaming**: Blaming you or your pet for the cruelty. Killing a pet and then saying that it doesn’t matter because the pet was old.

**Using Children**: Harming or killing the children’s pet in order to intimidate the children, or blaming the “disappearance” of the family pet on you in order to create a wedge between you and the children.

**Economic Abuse**: Refusing to allow you to spend money on adequate pet food and/or veterinary care. (Then, blaming you when neglect is noticed by authorities.)

**Legal Abuse**: Trying to take possession of a pet for which you have been the primary caretaker, or filing charges of pet theft against you if you leave with the pet.

**Coercion & Threats**: Threatening to harm or kill your pet if you leave or assert any independence.