

Financial Aid Resources for Animal Owners

Pet Assistance Inc: http://petassistanceinc.org/financialaid

PAi helps long time pet owners who have always responsibly taken care of their pet, yet sadly find they cannot afford an exceptional problem.

- Some funds are available to subsidize vet care for urgent or life-threatening emergencies only.
- Grants are made based on urgency, prognosis, and financial need.
- PAi will need a written estimate from the vet, and if they feel the cost is much higher than the norm for the surgery or treatment, they cannot help.
- PAi does NOT help with unnecessary blood work, routine vet care, costly diagnostics (MRIs, CT scans, etc.) or an ongoing illness.
- PAi cannot help financially with newly or recently acquired animals.

Acceptance of PAi's assistance is the owner's acknowledgement that Pet Assistance, Inc. may use any pictures of the pet and descriptions of its medical care for the purposes of promotion and fund raising.

Ranier Animal Fund: rainieranimalfund.org

Rainer Animal Fund is committed to helping families and pets of Washington to access advanced veterinary care. Grants are available to families in Western Washington and may require documentation of financial need. Limited to available funding.

Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program: <u>fveap.org/about-us</u> FVEAP@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: We are accepting applications for Kobi Fund for Vaccine Associated Sarcoma (VAS) only. We apologize if we are unable to help for other situations. Please do not use the application for any other purpose as we will not be able to respond.

To be considered for funding assistance, the guardian must live in the United States and meet one or more of the following qualifications:



- 1. Be a recipient of State Medicaid; or
- 2. Be a recipient of Medicare; or
- 3. Be a recipient of Social Security as only income; or
- 4. Be a recipient of a public assistance program; or
- 5. Be a recipient of Unemployment benefits; or
- 6. Have been on Unemployment that has now expired.

If you meet other qualifications that are NOT noted above, it MAY be considered. Please specify on the application form <u>here</u>.

Canine Cancer

Beau's Army: beausarmy.org

Apply online **here**

Beauregard's Army of Angels (Beau's Army) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families of canines who are battling cancer by providing veterinary care assistance, emotional support, and other resources regardless of age or prognosis.

Live like Roo: livelikeroo.org

Provides support and financial assistance to families whose pet faces a cancer diagnosis. Grants are awarded monthly. The grant review process requires 3-4weeks.

Animals with Special Needs/Medical Conditions

Handicapped Pets Foundation: hpets.org

Apply online <u>here</u>.

The Handicapped Pets Foundation is dedicated to the health and well-being of elderly, disabled, and injured pets, donating wheelchairs they need to live happy, healthy lives. Assistance is provided for those people with a demonstrated financial need.



*Applications are filled out online only. Applications are reviewed once per month; all applicants are notified promptly by email whether they have been denied or awarded a wheelchair grant.

*Wheelchair grants will be held for 7 days; if not ordered during that time, the grant will be awarded to another applicant.

To make sure that our assistance goes to the families who need it the most, we ask that you show us that you are already receiving support from state or local government assistance programs. Proof of financial hardship involves a document in your name that shows you are getting state aid or assistance.

These include disability, welfare, food stamps, section 8 housing assistance, TANF, and more. Please upload a scan or photograph the document or mail a copy to our address (copies will not be returned).

Dog Breed-Specific Veterinary Care Assistance Programs

CorgiAid: corgiaid.com/funding-guidelines/eligibility/#resc

Special Needs Dobermans: <u>doberman911.org/gethelp.html</u>

Independent Online Fundraising Opportunities

Here are a few websites that feature "crowd funding." Crowd funding refers to the practice of requesting donations from individuals or a group to raise money towards a single goal. Please visit these sites to learn more. These resources require regular internet access, a PayPal account, and preferably a social networking site in order to share your story. A good photo always helps as well.

Go Fund Me: gofundme.com/discover/animal-fundraiser

GoFundMe personal online fundraising websites are perfect for individuals, groups & organizations. Create your own personal donation website for free. GoFundMe will deduct a 5% fee from each donation that you receive. Since our fee is deducted automatically, you'll never need to worry about being billed or owing us any money. A small processing fee of about 3% will also be deducted from each payment.

Fundly: fundly.com

An online fundraising platform that allows friends and family to give and receive. Set up a Fundly account for free and share through social media to receive donations online or offline. While it's free to create and share your online fundraising campaign, Fundly will deduct a 4.9% fee from each donation that you receive. A small credit card processing fee of 3% will also be deducted from each donation. We provide automatic discounts for larger campaigns!

Financing Assistance Resources

Direct and expedited financial assistance paid to the **pet owner**.

Scratch Pay

Apply online: scratchpay.com

Completing the application and accepting the loan terms takes just a couple of minutes. Offers simple and affordable payment plans for large veterinary bills. Apply and check your interest rate without affecting your credit score. If your vet has not yet signed up for Scratch Pay, ask your vet to join Scratch for free.

Care Credit:

Apply online: carecredit.com

IMMEDIATE decision, and IMMEDIATE access to funds if accepted. Care credit is a credit card SPECIFICALLY used for human and pet medical expenses with zero interest payment plans. Ask your veterinarian if their office accepts Care Credit.

iCare Financial

Work with your vet to apply online: <u>icarefinancialcorp.com/veterinary-financing-program</u>

Your vet and/or clinic that your animal is being treated at must apply on your behalf. It is immediate funding for your pet with NO CREDIT CHECK.



Emergency Vet Care Funds

Feeding Pets of the Homeless: petsofthehomeless.org

Please contact us directly at 775-841-7463 to see if you qualify. Pets of the Homeless also provides emergency veterinary care. Must be HOMELESS or in transitional housing/shelter. Feeding Pets of the Homeless® is the first and one of the few national nonprofits providing pet food and emergency veterinary care to pets that belong to homeless people. We believe every pet deserves not to be hungry or suffer from an illness or injury. If you are homeless, or a Veteran, and need help caring for your pet, we can help.

Grants Provided to Veterinarians

Frankie's Friends

Apply online: <u>frankiesfriends.org/national-frankies-friends-fund</u>

Call: 888-465-PETS (7387)

Frankie's Friends can only assist families that have a proven financial need as determined by receiving government assistance, or the household income falling below 250% of the federal poverty guidelines. Specialty grants for oncology, opthomology, rescues, and disaster relief: frankiesfriends.org/apply-for-assistance-3

Red Rover Relief Urgent Care Grants

Apply online: redrover.org/relief/urgent-care-grants

Call: 916-429-2457

The typical grant is \$250 and cannot be used with other grants.

Requirements:

- You must be seeking assistance for one animal with a life-threatening injury or illness that requires urgent and specific treatment.
- There must be a current diagnosis and treatment plan from a veterinarian.
 RedRover cannot pay for office exams or testing.



- If we know that the proposed care is available in your area at a much lower cost, we may ask that you reach out to other clinics for an estimate. If you choose to stay at a more expensive veterinarian when there are lower cost alternatives RedRover may not be able to provide funding assistance. (example: Staying at an ER vet for care that can safely be provided at a general practice vet.)
- Treatment must have a good or favorable outcome.
- Household income cannot exceed \$60,000 per year
- Both the applicant and the animal must live in the United States.

Please note that this statement will apply to anyone approved for Urgent Care funding: I understand and acknowledge that RedRover may use any images or videos I have shared for their own purposes, including, but not limited to, educational, promotional, and fundraising purposes. I authorize RedRover to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any lawful purpose. Upon request, RedRover will change identifying information.

Please make sure that you have given permission to your veterinary office to release information to RedRover. Being unable to receive information about your pet from the veterinary office can delay or prevent our assistance.

The Budkis Foundation-Puget Sound Only: budkisfund.com/assistance

Call: 206-817-4299 or 206-817-4298 (veterinarians only)

Their goal is to help low-income seniors within the Puget Sound community whose pets need emergency veterinary care which may include medications, surgical procedures and euthanasia. Pet owner's veterinarian must be the one in contact with the foundation. Seniors must qualify for assistance, allowing for a non-biased and objective evaluation of each case. The animal MUST be seen and diagnosed by a vet, and a high-low estimate of cost of care is also required at the time of inquiry.

Brown Dog Foundation

Apply online: **browndogfoundation.org**

Offers families in temporary financial crisis an alternative to euthanasia when their pet is diagnosed with a treatable, but life-threatening condition or illness. Programs are designed to help families provide life sustaining medications, major medical, and emergency vet care during a temporary financial crisis. Providing guidance and referral to lower cost and alternative treatment options, by allowing pet owners to purchase medications at deep discounts through our pharmaceutical suppliers and by paying the difference between the amount charged by the vet and the amount the family can afford. Email correspondence with vet is required.



STARelief and Pet Assistance: starelief.org/our-programs

Apply online: starelief.org/aid-a-pet-grant-application

Provides life-saving pet food and veterinary care, emergency boarding and foster care to pets whose caretakers are struggling with financial hardship (proof of financial difficulty needed). The long-term vision of STARelief and Pet Assistance is to ensure that no person will ever have to surrender their pet due to financial hardship, and to ensure that all companion animals are treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve.

The Onyx & Breezy Foundation: onyxandbreezy.org

Apply online if you do not qualify for care credit. Funding and support for pets of individuals where medical hardship is present. Also assists with spay and neuter programs, rescue of animals from kill shelters, food, medicine and supplies, cancer research, medicine and equipment for military and police canines, equipment for medical facilities, puppy mill rescues and disaster relief, shelters, rescues, foster groups and sanctuaries, helping the dogs of veterans suffering from PTSD, and other endeavors that benefit the welfare of animals.

Paws 4 A Cure: paws4acure.org

Apply online: paws4acure.org/askforhelp.php

Paws 4 A Cure provides financial assistance for the treatment of non-routine veterinary care throughout the United States dogs and cats with all illnesses and injuries. This includes medication, insulin, Heartworm positive treatment and medical equipment such as wheelchairs. Proof of financial hardship needed.

The Mosby Foundation–Dogs Only: themosbyfoundation.org/about/mosbys-story

Apply online: themosbyfoundation.org/apply-for-aid/pre-qualification-app

The Mosby Foundations purpose is to help rescued, sick, injured, neglected, and abused dogs to get a second chance at life. Cannot assist in emergencies.

The Pet Fund: thepetfund.com

All applicants required to email info@thepetfund.com with a description of your animal's medical needs including a phone number where you can be reached before submitting an application. The Pet Fund only funds non-basic, non-urgent care. Proof of income required at application.

Washington State-Outside of Seattle

Cooper's Legacy Foundation

Apply online: cooperslegacyfoundation.org

Call: (509) 332-2277

Apply online for non-emergency situations. Cannot qualify for CareCredit or other similar credit card company. Treatment must be completed in Whitman or Latah County with a vet of the family's choosing. Referrals to specialists for services not available in Whitman or Latah County will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Offers assistance in Washington and Idaho.

Paws of Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap: <u>pawsbink.org/services/veterinary-assistance</u>

Call: (206) 842-2451

Email: hannah@pawsbink.org

Email for application. Provides emergency assistance to low-income families in the service area of Bainbridge Island, Suquamish, Kingston, Hansville, Indianola, Poulsbo, and Silverdale. Offers assistance with pet food and free or low-cost spay/neuter.

Four Paws Lifeline (Tulalip, WA):

Downland the application online to fax or email: **fourpawslifeline.org**

Fax: (360) 558-7950

Email: guardian@fourpawslifeline.org

Four Paws Lifeline's goal is to provide financial assistance to those pet owners who are not able to afford critical care or emergency veterinary care for their furry loved ones. Download application to complete and email or fax to apply. Funds are limited and may only cover a portion. Payment is directly to vet service.

Pet Helpers Port Townsend (Jefferson County)

Download application: **<u>pethelpersporttownsend.org</u>**

Email: pethelperspt@gmail.com

Application on website to complete and email. For Jefferson County. Offers assistance with free spay/neuter and vaccine clinics.



Concern for Animals (Thurston, Mason, Lewis or Grays Harbor Counties)

Apply online: **concernforanimals.org/veterinary-cost-assistance**

Call: (360) 456-8176

Apply online. Income requirements for access to voucher program. Voucher program for non-routine/ urgent veterinary care within a network of veterinarians.

Non-Active Assistance Programs/Charities

The Big Hearts Fund: <u>bigheartsfund.harmonyapp.com</u>

*Not currently accepting applications for funding. Please check for updates.

- Can only aid with canine and feline heart disease
- Pet must not be medically considered geriatric.
- The Big Hearts Fund can only fund completed applications, and those in which
 the applicant's income is at or below the threshold of 400% of the Federal
 Poverty Level, and/or the applicant can prove sudden and unexpected hardship
 due to death, job loss, natural disaster, or illness/injury.

Diabetic Cats in Need: <u>dcin.dreamhosters.com/compassionate-assistance-program</u>

*Not currently accepting applications for funding. Please check for updates.

DCIN provides one-time assistance with insulin, testing supplies, and limited veterinary care to folks who have been hit by the shock of a new diagnosis.

Requirements:

- Written justification on why you need one-time assistance with insulin.
- Be willing to feed a low-carb canned-food-only diet to your diabetic cat (no dry food; prescription food is not necessary we can provide a list of low-cost low-carb canned foods).
- Be willing to learn how to test blood glucose at home with a provided meter before every insulin shot. We can give you tips on how to do this; it's easy to learn!
- Be willing to join and be active on an approved online forum for regular dosing advice. If you are limited in your access to the Internet, we can make exceptions to this rule and work with you on other options.



Application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfTpSQPjhYolhGyB7qigP0 DcmKB66rRprKeOBZKGXGzm-nOw/viewform

If you are unable to fill out the application, please email <u>intake@dcin.info</u> for assistance or to answer questions by email or phone.

Friends and Vets Helping Pets: <u>friendsandvetshelpingpets.org/need-assitance</u>

*Not currently accepting applications for funding. Please check for updates.

All applicants must be prepared to show financial need. Friends & Vets Helping Pets funds treatments for curable (lifesaving, not life-prolonging) diseases such as tumors, broken bones, ambulatory care, expensive medication, or post-surgical prosthetics such as a K-9 cart. Grants are made to individuals and families whose ability to pay is extremely limited, but also to those of somewhat more substantial means, up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, who may only need minor subsidy to meet the veterinary expenses. Financial aid is intended as a supplement to family resources.

Olympic Mountain Pet Pals–Jefferson County only: ompetpals.org/12-2/gingers-fund

*Not currently an active program. Please check for updates.

Assistance through Participating Vets. Olympic Pet Pals' Ginger's Fund provides financial assistance for emergency medical treatment for animals whose owners cannot afford to pay all or part of the necessary veterinarian services. Owners must reside in Jefferson County & animals helped through the program must be spayed or neutered

