



## Financial Aid Resources for Animal Owners

### **Care Credit** (<http://www.carecredit.com/vetmed>)

**Phone:** (800) 677-0718

CareCredit offers Special Financing and low monthly payment options, no up-front costs, and no prepayment penalties so you can keep your pet healthy and happy.

### **Brown Dog Foundation** (<http://www.browndogfoundation.org/prequal>)

If you believe that your pet's life is in immediate danger, you should apply here, but seek immediate assistance from a licensed Veterinarian. We will consider assisting in cases where treatment has already occurred IF the pet's life was truly at risk, provided you complete this questionnaire within 7 days of the injury/illness. Please be mindful that if your bill is expected to exceed \$1,000 it is unlikely Brown Dog can help.

"Thank you for contacting Brown Dog Foundation. We are an organization dedicated to **helping families who find themselves in a temporary financial crisis at the same time their pet requires life-saving treatment or life-sustaining medications**. We provide assistance to families who normally live above the poverty line, but have experienced a financial setback - unemployment, unexpected and major medical bills, loss of home, etc. We are designed as a one-time benefit in most situations. We are committed to ensuring we help maintain and strengthen the bond between pets and their families during times of unexpected financial crisis. As a result, if your application is approved and funded, we will require very detailed information and long-term commitments.

#### **Treatments we consider funding:**

- Surgery related to correctible immobility of pet when the life of the pet is in danger
- Exploratory surgery when the life of the pet is in danger
- Treatable cancers (Stages I-III)
- Treatable neurological disorders
- Diagnosis and initial treatment of on-going conditions/diseases (except cancer)
- Treatable organ disorders (organ must not be in failure)
- Limb removal (when the animal's life is truly at-risk)
- Palliative Treatment for End of Life cases

#### **Requirements:**

- Proof of Income (IRS Tax Return Form 1040s + Recent Paycheck Stubs for all working adults in the household where the pet resides
- **AND** proof of the hardship you claim – if your income exceeds 300% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines \(link\)](#)
- **OR** a Social Security Statement for the pet-owner
- **AND** proof that you own the animal need which can be determined with Adoption/Purchase Papers, Vet Records and/or Rabies Certificates for two consecutive "terms"
- **AND** at least one photo of your pet with at least one member of the family
- **AND** a brief story about how your pet came to live with you and how you came to need Brown Dog's help

## Dylan's Hearts (<http://www.dylanshearts.com/Animal-Medical-Bills-Eligibility.html>)

336-365-2334

**\*THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE VETERINARIAN!! NO RESPONSE WILL BE MADE TO THOSE APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED BY THE ATTENDING VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

Dylan's Hearts is a 501c3 organization funded by contributions by caring individuals. The application must be completed by the attending veterinarian in order for Dylan's Hearts to consider providing financial assistance. Because our vision is larger than our pocketbook, we seldom can provide the total cost of the animal's treatment. Our goal is to be able to offer enough funds for the animal to move forward with treatment while the veterinarian makes other arrangements with the client for the balance due.

### [Applications For Assistance](#)

#### **Eligibility:**

The guidelines for making funding decisions are below. Every request for funding will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and Dylan's Hearts reserves the right to grant or deny a funding application without further explanation. Proof of financial need must be documented.

#### **Approved Forms of Financial Documentation:**

Check the US Government WIC Guidelines by [clicking here](#) to see if your family qualifies for our program.

If your household does not qualify under WIC guidelines, you can still qualify if any of the following apply:

- Current Medicaid Card
- Current EBT Food Stamp Card
- Current Welfare Recipient
- Currently Receiving Social Security Disability
- Currently Receiving Unemployment Benefits

#### **Other Eligibility Requirements:**

- The Applicant Must Be Seeking Assistance for One Animal in Need of Urgent Medical Care
- The Applicant Must Obtain a Diagnosis & Treatment Plan before Applying
- Dylan's Hearts Cannot Pay for Existing Veterinary Bills
- Applicants Are Only Accepted through the Attending Veterinarian
- The Applicant Agrees to Provide Updates & Photos of the Animal

#### **The Animal Must\***

- Have a Life Threatening or Critical Injury or Illness that Requires a Specific Treatment
- Must Have a Favorable Prognosis

*\*Dylan's Hearts does not fund for on-going or chronic issues or medicine that requires continual treatment.*

#### **Cancer Eligibility Guidelines**

- The Animal Is Being Treated through a Veterinary Hospital for Cancer
- The Animal's Expected Response from Treatment Is Either Achieving Remission or Prolonged Good Quality of Life

#### **The Veterinary Clinic Must**

- Be Willing to Provide an Itemized Estimate of the Planned Treatment
- Be Willing to Accept Payment from Dylan's Hearts
- Be Willing to Provide Updates on Treatment to Dylan's Hearts

#### **Life Threatening and Critical Care Emergencies**

Dylan's Hearts knows the veterinarian is the best one to determine the urgency of an animal's need for care. At times, this care must be immediate in order to save the animal. We will do our best to help in these situations. While there will be times we will not have all of the funds needed, hopefully we can offer enough so that you can move forward with treatment and make other arrangements for the balance

## Letter of Acceptance

When Dylan's Hearts approves an application the veterinarian will always be notified with a letter of acceptance. The letter of acceptance will advise of the amount we have approved for the specific application received.

## Payment

After treatment has been provided, [email](#) Dylan's Hearts a copy of the invoice. The invoice should reflect any amount already paid by the owner or caregiver or any donations made from other organizations. Payment will be made by check and sent via US Mail or UPS™ within 10 days of receipt of the invoice (Payments will be made to the veterinarian, 501c3 approved rescue organizations, or a pharmacy for veterinarian prescribed medications only. No payment will be made directly to an animal's owner.). Funds can only be held for a specific case for 30 days, so please send your invoice to Dylan's Hearts as quickly as possible.

## Friends & Vets Helping Pets ([www.FriendsandVetsHelpingPets.org](http://www.FriendsandVetsHelpingPets.org))

Email: [info@FriendsandVetsHelpingPets.org](mailto:info@FriendsandVetsHelpingPets.org)

Phone: (859) 309-2043

Aims help those who are under 200% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) and who can demonstrate that their pets are facing euthanasia or death if they are unable to pay the medical costs associated with their treatment. However, since there are limited funds, not all applicants can receive a grant. Friends & Vets Helping Pets funds treatments for curable (lifesaving, not life-prolong) diseases such as tumors, broken bones, ambulatory care, expensive medication, or post-surgical prosthetics such as a K-9 cart. Friends & Vets Helping Pets does not fund routine vet care, diagnostics like ultrasound and MRI tests or preventative measures. We work on a pre-approval basis and do not fund treatments that have already occurred.

### Applicant Process (<http://friendsandvetshelpingpets.org/need-assistance/>) :

**Step One:** People interested in receiving a grant from Friends & Vets Helping Pets (FVHP) need to complete and submit the [Initial Qualification Form](#). In order for an applicant(s) to qualify for further review, the applicant(s) must demonstrate financial need. Each application will be reviewed individually. The applicant(s) will then be notified via e-mail of preliminary approval or denial.

Please note: A preliminary approval does not mean the applicant(s) will be qualified for a grant.

**Step Two:** Upon preliminary approval, the applicant(s) will be sent a Formal Qualification Form. The applicant(s) must complete the Formal Form and submit along with the required documentation.

**Step Three:** The veterinarian will receive a Request for Veterinary Approval (if not previously registered with FVHP) and a Pet Information Form. The veterinarian must complete and submit these forms along with their cost estimate for the treatment so that their client may be considered for a grant.

**Step Four:** Friends & Vets Helping Pets (FVHP) works on a pre-approval basis so once we receive applicant's formal application and required documentation as well as the veterinarian's documentation, we will submit the information to our Review Committee for consideration. We will contact all parties via email with the Review Committee's decision and if approved, the grant amount approved. Upon receipt of this approval letter, the veterinarian is guaranteed payment of agreed funds and may start treatment. Following treatment, we remit payment to the veterinary clinic/hospital directly.

If you have any questions, please e-mail [info@FriendsandVetsHelpingPets.org](mailto:info@FriendsandVetsHelpingPets.org) or call [\(859\) 309-2043](tel:(859)309-2043).

Friends & Vets Helping Pets does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, or disability. If any questions asked on the application ask for such information is it important to note that financial aid will not be decided based on such information.

### **Lovie's Legacy Veterinary Assistance Program**

([http://www.lovieslegacy.org/Programs/Veterinary\\_Assistance\\_Program/](http://www.lovieslegacy.org/Programs/Veterinary_Assistance_Program/))

V.A.P. Hotline Phone: **(615) 383-0074**

Veterinary Assistance Program provides small grants to low-income pet owners in Tennessee whose pets are in need of urgent medical care. Pet owners may call our V.A.P. hotline, **(615) 383-0074**, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week and can apply directly over the phone. Should they meet our grant guidelines, we will work directly with your vet to arrange for payment. Most grants are for \$150.00.

### **The Mosby Foundation** (<http://themosbyfoundation.org/what.html>)

The Mosby Foundation is an all volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit organization specializing in paying medical expenses for sick, abused and neglected dogs. Many of these dogs have been abandoned with no one to speak on their behalf, or to help them live the lives all dogs are meant to live. Others have owners with limited means for providing adequate medical attention for their pets. Completion of an application requesting financial assistance is required. Verification of medical need and medical services is made with the attending veterinary hospital. Each request is reviewed individually to determine the amount of funding the applicant could receive. Payment is made directly to the attending hospital.

- Not equipped to respond on an emergency basis.
- Please be advised that we also do not pay for treatment that has already been performed.
- Funds pledged will be available for 60 days after the date they were originally pledged. After that time they will not be available.
- It is our requirement that all dogs we help be spayed/neutered prior to our providing financial assistance. In rare cases when physically possible, this can be done at the same time as the needed medical treatment IF the treating veterinarian will perform the sterilization at the same price as a low cost spay/neuter clinic.

To apply for a grant, you must complete a pre-application:

<http://themosbyfoundation.org/apply-for-assistance/pre-qualification-app/>

### **National Frankie's Friends Fund** (<https://www.frankiesfriends.org/national-frankies-friends-fund>)

Frankie's Friends Fund provides financial assistance grants to family owned pets in need of lifesaving emergency or specialty veterinary care whose caregivers cannot afford the full cost of treatment.

This program is designed to help with the treatment of emergency and specialty medical conditions where the pet would otherwise suffer, be euthanized, or relinquished without proper veterinary care.

If your pet is in need of immediate care, where any delay will put the animal at risk, it is your responsibility and duty to seek care for the pet immediately. There is no guarantee that the fund will provide financial assistance so please do not delay care for your pet while waiting for a response on your application.

Grants are not guaranteed, and will not exceed \$1000.00 per pet, per household. Due to the large volume of applications we receive, the program is unable to help everyone who applies. Before applying, you must have a clear diagnosis, specific treatment plan in place, and an estimate of the cost of care from a veterinarian.

- The pet parent is responsible for the cost of the initial exam/assessment by a licensed veterinary professional, as well as any diagnostics to determine the pet's prognosis and course of treatment. These associated upfront costs would not be covered by any potential Frankie's Friends funding.
- The pet must have a "good prognosis" as determined by a veterinary professional to be eligible for assistance.
- The Frankie's Friends Fund will ask each treating veterinary hospital to provide a 25% discount of services in addition to the funding from Frankie's Friends.

Click to [Apply to the National Frankie's Friends Fund](#)

### **Hope Fund Program**

If you are in need of more assistance than the Frankie's Friends Fund provides, you may be eligible for help through one of partnering veterinary hospitals. The criteria for assistance remains the same as the Frankie's Friends Fund, however, you can reach out to one of our partnering veterinary hospitals ([https://issuu.com/frankiesfriend/docs/frankie\\_s\\_friends\\_partnering\\_hospit](https://issuu.com/frankiesfriend/docs/frankie_s_friends_partnering_hospit)).

The criteria for assistance remains the same as the Frankie's Friends Fund, however, you can reach out to the nearest BluePearl Veterinary Hospital ([BluePearl Hospital locations](#)) to see if your pet and family's situation could qualify for additional assistance through our Hope Fund program instead.

### **The Onyx & Breezy Foundation (<http://www.onyxandbreezy.org>)**

The Foundation was formed in 2004 by Mark and Wanda Shefts to honor the memory of their two Labrador Retrievers. The Shefts' passion for animals led them to create this non-profit foundation, which assists animals in a variety of ways.

The foundation lends financial support to:

- 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
- Pets of individuals where medical hardship is present
- Helping the dogs of veterans suffering from PTSD
- Other endeavors that benefit the welfare of animals

All grant applications must be returned with the following to be presented for consideration (<http://www.onyxandbreezy.org/requesting-a-grant.html>):

#### **Individuals**

- Tax Return
- Diagnosis & Prognosis (if applicable)
- Estimate of cost
- Care Credit status (for individuals only)
- Please provide a contact telephone number that accepts calls from a "blocked" telephone number.

Mail or fax a completed [Grant Application Questionnaire](#) (click for link) to:

The Onyx & Breezy Foundation  
PO Box 656  
Tuxedo Park, NY 10987

**OR**

Fax: (201) 782-9090

Grant FAQ: <http://www.onyxandbreezy.org/grant-application-faqs.html>

## **Paws 4 a Cure** (<http://www.paws4acure.org/>)

Paws 4 A Cure is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping families that are in need of non-routine veterinary financial assistance\* for their dog or cat. **Please keep in mind, Paws 4 A Cure can only assist qualified applicants and assistance is only provided with non-routine veterinary care. This means that Paws 4 A Cure does not provide assistance for spaying/neutering, vaccinations, routine office visits or euthanasia.**

Because donations to Paws 4 A Cure are at a critical low and applications for financial assistance are at an all-time high, our funds are extremely limited. As a result, if your application for financial assistance is approved, you may not receive all of the funds for which you apply. Please be advised that the maximum assistance available from Paws 4 A Cure is \$500. We **strongly urge** you to apply to several different financial assistance programs before applying to Paws 4 A Cure.

*Before Paws 4 A Cure can review your application, you are required to apply to CareCredit. Since Paws 4 A Cure is not affiliated with CareCredit, you will need to provide a copy of your approval/denial letter.*

### **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:**

- Paws 4 A Cure cannot assist with charges incurred prior to approval of application and receipt by veterinarian of the Acceptance Letter;
- Paws 4 A Cure cannot pay for treatment in advance;
- Paws 4 A Cure cannot pay a deposit;
- Paws 4 A Cure cannot reimburse the applicant for payments made to the veterinarian;
- Paws 4 A Cure cannot pay on an invoice showing no balance due;
- Paws 4 A Cure will send a check via USPS within 30 days following receipt of an itemized invoice faxed by the veterinarian;
- Paws 4 A Cure will pay only up to the invoice balance due;
- Paws 4 A Cure will only make payment to a veterinarian, clinic or hospital. Funds are never disbursed to an applicant;
- If a pet insurance company approves a claim for any portion of a bill for treatment that was funded by Paws 4 A Cure, such reimbursement **must** be submitted to Paws 4 A Cure

### **Steps to the Application Process:**

1. Visit the Paws 4 A Cure "[Ask For Help](#)" page.
2. Read the guidelines and policies thoroughly.
3. Complete the online application.
4. Your application will go into Incomplete Status.
5. Add grants@paws4acure.org into your email address book.
6. You will need to provide the treating veterinarian with the Veterinary Packet or direct them to the Veterinary Professionals page.
7. You will email or fax your required documents to Paws 4 A Cure.

8. You will receive an email acknowledgement within 24 hours of receipt of your required documentation. If your required documentation is not received, your application will be closed.
9. If all of yours and your veterinary practice's required documentation is received, your application will go into Pending Status.
10. We strongly urge you to apply to several different financial assistance programs along with applying to Paws 4 A Cure, links to which can be found on our [Helpful Resources](#) page. DO NOT RELY ON A PAWS 4 A CURE GRANT ONLY.
  - You will have to provide Paws 4 A Cure with the names of the organizations that you have applied to and the dollar amount that they have approved.

Once all of the required documentation are received from you and the treating veterinarian, Paws 4 A Cure will start the application review.

**If your required documentation is not received within 48 hours of your online application, the application will move from Incomplete to Closed status. You will have to reapply for assistance.**

**Please remember that Paws 4 A Cure cannot accept your application without the completion of all the necessary documents and forms.** You are required to provide all documentation for every member of your household.

The following documents are required for all members of your household before your application can be reviewed.

- Copy of your license or ID;
- Last pay stub;
- All pages of your latest federal tax return for all members of your household;
- Copies of your last two bank statements for all members of your household from all of your bank accounts;
- If you are unemployed: a copy of your SSI or SSDI benefit letter or, proof of any federal or state assistance or, unemployment benefits letter or, W2 or 1099 from employer for all members of your household;
- Copy of your approval/denial letter from CareCredit;
- Your most recent CareCredit statement (if applicable);
- A copy of the front and back of your pet's insurance card (if applicable);
- [Veterinary Dx/Treatment Form and Payment Policies](#) (you must provide to the treating veterinarian or direct them to the Veterinary Professionals page. To be completed by the veterinarian office only, do not write on this form);
- Estimate of service from the treating veterinarian.

*For your protection – before sending any documents to Paws 4 A Cure, please black out all occurrences of account numbers and/or social security numbers.*

Paws 4 A Cure will need some information from your treating veterinarian about your dog or cat before reviewing your application. The **required** information form can be found at the Paws 4 A Cure [Veterinarian Information](#) page.

Required documentation from the treating veterinarian:

- Veterinary DX/Treatment form
- Estimate of service
- Office notes
- W9

Your completed documentation can be sent either by you or by your veterinarian, using one of the following methods:



- Via fax: (866) 799-5166
- Scanned as a pdf and emailed to [info@paws4acure.org](mailto:info@paws4acure.org)

Do **not** send your documentation as a jpg or any image file other than for your ID. Click the link to download a free pdf creator. <http://sourceforge.net/projects/pdfcreator/>

Please be advised that the approval process **can take up to 5 business days** after all documentation is received.

### **Pet Assistance Inc.** (<http://www.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.

### **Click on the "Download Application" button on the page**

*NOTE: SAVE the Application to your desktop after filling it out. THEN put it as an attachment to your email. YOU MAY HAVE TO PRINT OUT the questionnaire and send it back as an attachment AFTER scanning or taking a photo of it with your phone.*

### **The Pet Fund** (<http://thepetfund.com/>)

*\*There may be a waitlist on incoming applications*

The Pet Fund assists owners in covering medical costs beyond the normal expenses of vaccination, spay & neuter surgeries, food and routine veterinary care.

### **To Begin Application:** (<http://www.thepetfund.com/for-pet-owners/the-pet-fund-application/view/form>)

- **ALL applicants are REQUIRED to contact The Pet Fund by phone BEFORE applying for funding. Call 916-443-6007.** This way, we can ensure that all applicants are aware of both the current wait list time and the eligibility requirements for applying for financial assistance. The Pet Fund receives up to 200 calls per day, and it may take our volunteer staff some time to respond to each call and email request. **Applications which are sent in before applicants have spoken with our staff will not be processed.**

**Please note – we are not able to fund emergencies. The Pet Fund ONLY funds non-basic, non-emergency care.**

- **Applications for veterinary care funding can ONLY be done online from a computer with a printer.** The **ONLY** exception to this rule will be for persons with severe disabilities who are either homebound or who cannot leave their home without assistance. These



individuals can have applications mailed to them **with the prior permission of The Pet Fund staff only**. All other mailed applications or letters requesting help will be returned to the senders unopened or discarded.

If you do not have a computer with internet access you will need to go to your local library, which will have computers, printers, and internet access available. Alternatively, you can ask your veterinarian's office for assistance, or you can ask friends or family members to assist you.

- After you have spoken with Pet Fund staff and it has been determined that you may be eligible to apply for funding, you will need to have the following items available to help you complete the financial portion of the online application. We advise that you gather this information together before you begin your online application. **Once you have started the online application, you will not be able to return at a later time to complete it. You will have to start over from the beginning with your online application for funding.**  
**Collect the following:**
  - **Proof of income** - This can be a copy of a check stub, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, etc. The proof of income must be recent, and we cannot use tax forms for this purpose.
  - **Copy of a written cost estimate for the needed procedures and/or treatment from your veterinarian.**
  - **Name, address, and medical license number for your treating veterinarian.** This will be included on your online application form. If you do not have this information available, wait to fill out your online application until you have obtained this information.

### **Pitbulls Against Misinformation-Veterinary Grant** (<http://www.pitbulltruth.org/programs/our-veterinary-fund/>)

If you find yourself in need of assistance with veterinary bills and meet the below requirements, please [email us](#) for an application to be considered for assistance. Please do not call us for Veterinary Grant assistance as we need to communicate via email for documentation purposes. (You **MUST** communicate via email, you cannot fax documents to us.)

The primary function of the grant is to cover costs of LIFE SAVING veterinary care for owners who are otherwise unable to pay.

#### **Important notes:**

- Funding is not breed-specific, dogs of any and all breeds and mixes are welcome and encouraged to apply.
- We may be able to help with spay and neuter costs as well, from either our Vet Grant or our Owner Assistance Grant.
- We may be able to help with euthanasia costs, from either our Vet Grant or our Owner Assistance Grant.

#### **Limitations of the Grant:**

- Assistance is provided based on approval of application, funds available, and/or availability of volunteers to fundraise (this task is limited to our facebook page admins and is not an available volunteer opportunity to an owner in need).
- Many factors are considered when determining which cases we fund, and which we do not. Pit Bulls Against Misinformation Board Members have sole discretion on which cases are funded, and which ones are not.

- Funding of your case is not guaranteed, and Pit Bulls Against Misinformation reserves the right to deny any application at any time, at our discretion.
- Funds are capped at \$2,500 per incident in most cases.
- Cancer-related costs are capped at \$250.00 per dog.
- Quality-of-life veterinary care is capped at \$150.00 per dog (examples: TPLO surgeries, benign tumors that limit mobility, hip surgeries)
- Payments MUST be made directly to the veterinarian performing the services. The veterinarian MUST be willing to accept payment from us, over the phone, using a credit card. We cannot pay an owner's credit card bill, repay personal loans taken out for a dog's medical care, or repay owners for bills they have already paid.
- Applications for dogs who have suffered repeated injury as a result of multiple fights with other dogs will be denied.
- Your vet must be able to give a prognosis of at or better than 70% survival rate for your dog after services are performed.

#### ***To Qualify for Consideration of Funds:***

- If owner is not receiving government assistance, they must apply for, and have been denied, [Care Credit](#) to qualify for the grant.
- Preference is given to those receiving government assistance and/or owners with a FICO score at or below 525. You can get a free FICO score at [Credit Karma](#)
- Owner must be willing and able to provide us with any financial documentation we ask for including but not limited to tax filings, W2s, credit reports, bank statements, and proof of expenses. Some applications will require more documentation, some less.
- Owner must be willing and able to provide us with photos of their dog and updates on his or her condition.
- Owner must be willing and able to allow us access to their pet's veterinarian and release medical information to us through the veterinarian.

#### **Red Rover Relief Grants** (<http://www.redrover.org/redrover-relief-grants>)

The goal of the program is to help animals who need immediate veterinary care to survive. Due to the overwhelming number of applications we receive, we cannot help everyone. The typical grant is \$100 to \$200. Decisions are based upon several factors, including: medical urgency, financial need, available funding and eligibility.

#### **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

##### ***The applicant (person/group applying for a grant) must:***

- The applicant must be seeking assistance for one animal with a life-threatening injury or illness that requires urgent and specific treatment.
- **Must have a diagnosis and treatment plan from a veterinarian.** RedRover cannot pay for office exams or diagnostic testing.
- Treatment must have a good or favorable outcome/prognosis.
- Proof of income must be provided upon request.
- The animal must be spayed or neutered (if the animal is not already spayed/neutered, please include plans for having this done when submitting the application).
- The applicant must attempt to find funding through their own means, personal contacts, and [other assistance programs](#). See our [suggestions for fundraising](#).
- Both the applicant and the animal must live in the United States.

##### ***The animal must:***

- Have a life-threatening injury or illness that requires urgent and specific treatment (this generally excludes hip dysplasia, ligament repair or eye conditions).
- Have a good or favorable outcome/prognosis.
- Be spayed or neutered.

***The veterinary clinic must:***

- Be aware of the client's financial need.
- Be willing to speak with a case manager from RedRover and provide an itemized estimate upon request.
- Accept a check from RedRover.

**RedRover cannot help if any of the following apply:**

- Treatment has been completed.
- A RedRover Relief Urgent Care grant has already been awarded to this applicant, household, or animal.
- The animal's medical needs are for:
  - ongoing conditions or treatments (such as diabetes or chemotherapy)
  - testing or diagnostic work (such as X-rays, MRI, or blood work)
  - routine care (such as spay/neuter, vaccinations, or annual exams)

After you have carefully reviewed the above eligibility guidelines, complete the Pre-Application Questions here: <https://redrover.org/relief/urgent-care-grants/urgent-care-pre-application/>

Once the Pre-Application Form is completed to confirm guidelines are met, you will be prompted to complete the RedRover Relief Urgent Care grant application.

**Rose's Fund** (<http://www.rosesfund.org>)

At Rose's Fund we are sensitive to the fact that it takes more than love to save a life, and all animals deserve a chance. We will financially assist, to the best of our ability, pet owners and Good Samaritans who have an animal with a good prognosis for a healthy life, but are at a financial loss.

Below are three general guidelines used in making funding decisions. However, every request will be reviewed on a case by case basis and Rose's Fund for Animals reserves the right to either grant or deny a funding assistance request without further explanation.

- The pet/found animal must have a life-threatening illness, injury or condition.
- The illness, injury or condition must require immediate or prompt veterinary intervention in order for the pet/found animal to survive.
- The veterinarian's prognosis (in the veterinarian's best professional judgment) should indicate a positive outcome.

The following are not funded under our current guidelines. This should not be considered as all inclusive:

- 1) Medical care for pets with a poor prognosis or already deceased.
- 2) Medical bills already covered by other resources.
- 3) Cancer diagnosis or treatments.
- 4) Spay/Neuter or routine medical care or vaccinations.
- 5) Dental Care.
- 6) Maintenance medicines.
- 7) Preventable diseases caused by lack of vaccinations or lack of veterinary care. (exceptions made for rescued animals already with the disease).

For further information and to apply online: <http://www.rosesfund.org/Application.html>

## **STARelief's Home For Life Grant** (<http://starelief.org/aid-a-pet-grant/>)

Typically, our grants run between \$100 and \$500. To be considered for one of our grants you **MUST complete** a Home For Life grant application showing proof of financial hardship and provide us with **all the required** information and material requested on the application. **Only completed applications will be considered for funding.**

We completely understand you are under a lot of stress, but the fastest and most efficient way to get the help you need is by completing the application and sending in all of the required information. **STARelief grants go directly to the service provider/veterinarian.** At **no** time do we write checks to grant recipients.

### **To be considered for a grant you must:**

- Demonstrate financial need
- Submit a completed application. If you do not send in all of the required information we will not review your application
- Provide proof that your pet is spayed or neutered, unless applying for a spay/neuter grant
- Demonstrate that you have attempted to find other funding through your own means and personal contacts.
- Provide photo(s), and agree to provide updates of your pet(s)
- Agree to allow us to include any, all or part of your story and picture of your pet in our newsletter, website, Facebook, etc.

Applying for assistance does not automatically mean you are approved. Due to the overwhelming number of applications we receive, we cannot help everyone. Grant approvals are based on several factors: financial need, emergency situation and available funding. We are an all volunteer nonprofit and will do our best to reply to you within two to three business days.

*Funds pledged will only be available for 30 days after the date they were originally pledged. All funds go directly to the service provider.*

### **The Home For Life program offers assistance for the following services:**

- Emergency Medical Care
- Emergency Boarding / Foster Care
- Spay / Neuter
- Routine Medical Care (vaccines, microchip, etc)
- End-of-Life Services

### **Home For Life program does not cover the following:**

- Services already performed
- Dental Cleaning
- MRI
- Ongoing medications or medical treatments
- Unnecessary lab work or x-rays
- Cremation Services

If you are in need of assistance, please complete the Home-for-Life application: <http://starelief.org/aid-a-pet-grant-application/>

## **Cats Only**

### **Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program** (<http://fveap.org/form.html>)

\* General applications are currently closed. They are only accepting applications for **Kobi Fund Vaccine Associated Sarcomas (VAS)** - also referred to as Injection Site Sarcoma (ISS). VAS is a group of cancers caused by vaccinations.

In order 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 [http://fveap.org/application\\_12.html](http://fveap.org/application_12.html)**

**Documentation for qualification must be provided upon request.**

## **Animals with Special Needs/Medical Conditions**

**Big Hearts Fund** (<http://bigheartsfund.org/>)

**\* Open applications are currently closed. Check the website above 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.

**Handicapped Pets Foundation** (<http://hpets.org/>)

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.

Click here for the online application: <http://hpets.org/apply-for-wheelchair>

**\*Applications are filled out online only.** Applications are reviewed 3-4 times a 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.**

In order 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).

**Diabetic Cats In Need** (<http://www.dcin.dreamhosters.com/assistance-programs/>)

[Compassionate Assistance Program](#) provides ongoing assistance with insulin, testing supplies, and limited veterinary care to folks who qualify as low-income caregivers. The CAP requires proof of low-income status to be provided upon application and again each year while in the program.

#### **Requirements**

- Proof that you are a low-income caregiver (IRS 1040 or statement of benefits for TANF, SSI, SSDI, SNAP, or Section 8 Housing). Pay stubs are not acceptable proof of low-income status. If you do not qualify as low income, please see our [One-Time Assistance Program](#) page for another option.
- 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:**

Please fill out the application at <https://goo.gl/MBsRRE>. If you are unable to fill out the application, please email [intake@dcin.info](mailto:intake@dcin.info) for assistance or to answer questions by email or phone.

[One-Time Assistance Program](#) provides a glucose testing kit and a few months' supply of insulin to those who do not qualify as low-income but have been hit by the shock of a new diagnosis and need some time to save up for the long term costs. This does not require proof of income status, just written justification from the caregiver about the need for the supplies. Along with the supplies, advice is given on good care for diabetes while keeping costs down going forward.

#### **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:**

Please fill out the application [here](#). If you are unable to fill out the application, please email [intake@dcin.info](mailto:intake@dcin.info) for assistance or to answer questions by email or phone.

## **Canine or Feline Cancer**

**Beau's Army** (<http://beausarmy.org>)

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.

Apply online here: [Application for Assistance](#)

## Joshua Louis Animal Cancer Foundation (<http://www.joshualouis.org/application.html>)

*\*Not currently accepting applications. Check the link above for updates.*

**Please understand that all of the following conditions must be met in order for you to request an application from the Joshua Louis Animal Cancer Foundation ("JLACF").**

- You are the animal's primary caretaker and are authorized to make decisions about your animal's treatment.
- Your animal has been diagnosed with cancer and your **Veterinary Oncologist has indicated that your animal is at a stage that could benefit from surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, or any combination thereof.** Unfortunately not all animals are candidates for treatment and we must rely on the professional opinion of your Veterinary Oncologist. Please understand that our guidelines, as approved by the IRS, require that your pet is under the care of a Board-Certified Veterinary Oncologist.
- You and your household cannot afford to pay for treatment.
- You have recently applied for CareCredit® and are able to attach the credit determination letter received from that organization. Please see below for additional information about CareCredit®. Please note that even though you may qualify for a CareCredit®, you still may be eligible for assistance from the Foundation.
- You have access to the first two pages of your most recently filed U.S. Federal Tax Return(s) and your most recent paystub(s).
- You will allow your animal's photo to be featured on the Foundation's website (no personal client information will be disclosed or displayed and you will be allowed to review any information prior to any website publication). If you would like your story published, you can submit it to the Foundation for consideration of inclusion on the website.

**\*\*AFTER MEETING ALL OF THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE, YOU MAY APPLY TO THE JLACF FOR ASSISTANCE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE JLACF ONLY ISSUES FUNDS TO VETERINARY FACILITIES UPON RECEIPT OF A SPECIFIC INVOICE. TO CONTINUE THIS PROCESS, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO [ADMIN@JOSHUALOUIS.COM](mailto:ADMIN@JOSHUALOUIS.COM). PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

## The Riedel Cody Fund (<http://riedelcody.org/>)

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

Provides aid for chemo and radiation funds only.

**Please note the following policies:**

- **Confirmed Cancer Diagnosis Needed** — You MUST have a confirmed cancer diagnosis from a board certified veterinary oncologist to have your application reviewed.
- **Payments to Vets Only** — Financial assistance, if awarded, will be paid directly to the Veterinarian, Clinic or Hospital providing services and will not be paid to the applicant.
- **Only Future Bills Considered** — We can only consider charges that are incurred once an application is APPROVED. Any charges that are incurred before this date cannot be considered. We do not reimburse any payments to Care Credit, personal credit cards or your veterinary hospital.

Click "[Register](#)" to access the Grant Application Form.



Once you've completed the application and notified your veterinary oncologist that you're applying for a grant from our charity we will wait for the veterinary information to come in and then begin the review process.

Click here for further information on the funding assistance process: <http://riedelcody.org/financial-help/rcf-funding-process/>

RCF Frequently Asked Questions: <http://riedelcody.org/rcf-funding-questions>

## **The Magic Bullet Fund** (<http://themagicbulletfund.org/apply/>)

Magic Bullet Fund (MBF) provides financial assistance for canine cancer treatment only when the family is financially unable to provide treatment. MBF dogs would not be able to have (or complete) cancer treatment without our assistance. Most families contribute some portion of the treatment fees and MBF contributes only the amount that the family cannot pay.

**MBF asks that you read “how it works” before applying:** <http://themagicbulletfund.org/about-us/how-it-works/>

### **Eligibility requirements for funding:**

- You are the dog's primary caretaker and owner and the person who pays for the dog's medical care
- A veterinarian has diagnosed your dog with cancer (we DO accept applications when a mass must be removed but cannot be diagnosed without surgery)
- Your dog has been seen by the veterinarian who will provide cancer treatment
- You must give your veterinarian permission to speak to Magic Bullet Fund about your dog
- Age/weight limits:
  - Dogs 0 to 40 pounds must be 11 or younger
  - Dogs 40 to 80 pounds must be 10 or younger
  - Dogs 80 to 100 pounds must be 9 or younger
  - Dogs over 100 pounds must be 8 or younger

### **Magic Bullet Fund does not offer assistance for the following:**

- Hemangiosarcoma: unless it is **cutaneous** hemangiosarcoma
- Osteosarcoma (in a limb): We do accept applications for amputation surgery, but not for chemotherapy
- Relapsed lymphoma: If the dog was in remission but has come out of remission
- Radiation therapy
- Mammary cancer for a female dog that is 4 years old or more, and has not been spayed

### **Applicants must be ready to provide the following documents:**

1. 1040 from most recently filed tax return, or Disability letter/stub or SSI letter/stub
2. Last month's bank statement
3. Your car registration
4. An invoice from the clinic where your dog will have cancer treatment
5. Anything to help us determine that you need our help... foreclosure letter, bankruptcy letter, etc.

Apply online here: [Application for Assistance](#)

## **Veterinary Care Assistance for Working/Service Dogs**

**The Gandalf Fund** (<http://www.thegiftofsunshine.org/gandalf.html>)

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

The Gandalf Fund provides financial assistance for working and retired assistance dogs in the event of catastrophic illness or accidental injury. Catastrophic illness is defined as an acute or prolonged illness usually considered to be life threatening or present the risk of serious residual disability which includes but is not limited to: cancer, kidney disease, gastric volvulus (bloat) and liver disease. The Gandalf Fund will pay a lifetime maximum of \$2,500 per dog.

To apply, complete the online application: [Gandalf Fund Application](#).

Requests for financial assistance will be processed in the order in which they are received. Requests will continue to be processed as long as TGOS has the funds to cover the requests.

**Working Dog Cancer Treatment Grant** <http://grants.landofpuregold.com>

- Grants are \$1,000 per individual full-time working dog partner
- Reimbursements provided directly to respective veterinary personnel for oncology related expenses
- All breeds/mixes may apply
- Applicants dog must have been an active, full-time working dog at the time of cancer diagnosis (in the areas of assistance, detection, search & rescue, enforcement, military work, or animal-assisted therapy)
- Applicants must prove that their dog has been professionally trained and certified

\*Animal assisted therapy dogs must be providing at least 30 hours weekly to qualify. They can be full-time facility dogs in assisted living homes or providing therapy in a professional setting (e.g., working with a speech, physical therapy, or occupational therapist; working in a school 5 days a week, etc).

Animal-assisted Visitation dogs are not included in the grant program.

Complete the [Application](#) and snail mail your downloaded application to: Land of Pure Gold Foundation, 3731 Greenway Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Be sure to include copies of all the required documents.

## **Scratch Pay** (<https://www.scratchpay.com>)

Scratch Pay offers simple and affordable payment plans for large veterinary bills. Apply for Scratch Pay and check your interest rate any time without affecting your credit score. Completing the application and accepting the loan terms takes just a couple of minutes and can be done from your cell phone or computer. Scratch Pay can help get your pet the care they need. If your vet has not yet signed up for Scratch Pay, ask your vet to join Scratch for free.

## **Dog breed-specific veterinary care assistance programs**

**CorgiAid** [corgiaid.org](http://corgiaid.org)

**Special Needs Dobermans** [doberman911.org](http://doberman911.org)

**Labrador Lifeline** <http://www.labradorlifeline.org>

**Westimed (West Highland White Terriers)** [westimed.org](http://westimed.org)

### **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

**Give Forward** <http://www.giveforward.com/cause/raise-money-for-pet-expenses>

Once your fundraiser reaches its end date, GiveForward will process and send the funds via personal check or PayPal transfer. GiveForward also charges a small processing fee of 7%.

**GoFund Me** <http://www.gofundme.com/Animals-Pets/>

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.

**PlumFund** <https://www.plumfund.com/>

An online fundraising platform that allows friends and family to give and receive. Set up a Plumfund account for free and share through social media to receive donations online or offline. Online payments via credit/debit go through either PayPal or WePay and a small processing fee of 2.8% + \$0.30 is taken off each online transaction. Both options allow you to withdraw funds via your own bank account with no withdrawal fees.

**YouCaring** <http://www.youcaring.com/>

In just 3 steps, easily create your own site to raise money online for personal causes & life events. No fees, easy & secure. YouCaring is a free fundraising website created for individuals wanting to raise funds for medical expenses, memorials and funerals, education and tuition assistance, adoption fundraising, funding for mission trips, pet expenses or animal rescue and helping another in need. Our free online fundraising platform provides a simple and organized way to run your fundraiser and help achieve or exceed your fundraising goals.