

## **FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO HELP PET PARENTS PAY FOR EMERGENCY AND CANCER-RELATED VETERINARY BILLS**

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### **LOW-INTEREST FINANCING**

#### **CareCredit – USA only**

<http://www.carecredit.com> – Credit card for all types of health care assistance including Veterinary care. Provided by GE Money Bank. 3 – 12 month interest only options.

*\*\* Be sure to search your vet's name on their site and make sure they accept CareCredit. Most do.*

#### **Citi Health Card**

<https://www.citicards.com/cards/portal/healthcard/nsc/content.do?screenID=5000> - Get flexible financing for health care services at participating dentists, orthodontists, vision care specialists, veterinarians and other providers. Citibank card. *\*\* Similar application process as CareCredit; however, does not seem to have as many participating doctors who accept it.*

#### **Pet Card – Canada Only**

<http://petcard.ca>

PetCard offers a simple and affordable way to finance your veterinary cost. PetCard allows you to immediately acquire the care your pet needs. The ideal alternative to writing a cheque. No down payment or early payment penalties.

### **FUNDS THAT PET OWNERS CAN APPLY FOR:**

***Please note:*** In all cases, funds raised are not distributed directly to the pet owner. Funds are distributed to your dog's treating veterinarian on behalf of your pet. Be prepared to submit your dog's medical records, including diagnosis and prognosis, and estimate of expenses. Ask your vet in advance for his/her cooperation in completing forms or any requested information.

#### **Angels 4 Animals**

<http://www.angels4animals.org> – Financial assistance for pet owners to care for seriously ill pets and who are having financial difficulty caring for their pet. *\*\* They do not have an application online. Email them thru the "Contact Us" and ask for an eligibility application.*

**Banfield Charitable Trust (BCT)** – <http://www.banfieldcharitabletrust.org/about-us/faqs/> BCT offers assistance to struggling pet owners who are facing life-threatening, emergency veterinary situations and preventive care plans for pets and pet owners living on a fixed income.

### **Brown Dog Foundation**

<http://www.browndogfoundation.org>

Offers pet owners in temporary financial crisis an alternative to euthanasia when their pet faces a treatable but life-threatening condition or illness in order to restore quality of life for pet and owner.

### **Canine Cancer Awareness**

<http://caninecancerawareness.org> - If you are struggling and need assistance to provide your dog with cancer treatment you are encouraged to download an application for financial assistance. \*\*

*Application is a downloadable Word document including a page for your dog's doctor to complete.*

*Application is mailed in.*

### **Dog and Cat Cancer Fund**

<http://www.dccfund.org> – Helping underprivileged owners get treatment for cats and dogs suffering from cancer. \*\* *Click on "Treatment" and then Application Policies.*

*Simple online applications; however, they will follow-up via email for you to fax or email your dog's records.*

**Feline Veterinary Assistance** [http://www.fveap.org/services\\_2.html](http://www.fveap.org/services_2.html) – Funding assistance for low income and unemployed USA residents.

### **The Magic Bullet Fund**

<http://www.themagicbulletfund.org> – Provides financial assistance for canine cancer treatment when the family is financially unable to provide treatment. MBF accepts those cases for which we can reasonably hope that treatment will add a year to a dog's life with high quality. For dogs with OS of the limb, they will help provide funds for **amputation only**. \*\* *Click on "Ask for Help" and complete online application.*

### **The Pet Fund**

<http://www.thepetfund.com> – provides financial assistance to owners of domestic animals who need veterinary care. The Pet Fund ONLY funds non-basic, non-emergency care. This includes medical care that is above and beyond basic care but which does not require urgent treatment. \*\* *Online application but must make phone contact first for eligibility. Be advised ... they have long wait time.*

### **Riedel & Cody Fund**

<http://www.riedelcodyfund.org> - In order to apply for a Riedel & Cody Fund Grant-in-Aid, you must meet the following criteria: Combined family income must be \$50,000 or less; Your pet must have a cancer diagnosis from a Board Certified Veterinary Oncologist; Without funding assistance, you will not be able to treat your pet's cancer.

### **Stymie Canine Cancer Foundation**

<http://stymieccf.org/missions/> - Stymie Canine Cancer Foundation is a non-profit foundation raising money for families who need financial support for the cost of cancer treatment for their pet. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 by January 2012 to financially support at least 10 families in 2012.

**United States Department of Veterans Affairs** - for Veterans who have service dogs, Title 38 Section 1714 enables veterans to ask their caseworkers to file VA Form 10-2641 in order to receive financial assistance for veterinary care of service animals. Link to Dept. of Veterans Affairs FAQ page on service dogs:

[http://www.prosthetics.va.gov/Guide\\_and\\_Service\\_Dogs\\_Frequently\\_Asked\\_Questions\\_FAQs.asp#FAQ4](http://www.prosthetics.va.gov/Guide_and_Service_Dogs_Frequently_Asked_Questions_FAQs.asp#FAQ4)

## **BREED SPECIFIC HELP**

*If your dog is purebred, their national purebred AKC organization may know of other places you can turn to.*

### **Labador Life Line**

<http://www.labradorlifeline.org> - Our financial assistance includes, but is not limited to, covering various medical costs (surgery, treatment, medication) and help to cover rescue or transportation expenses.

### **Save our Siberians**

<http://www.sos-srf.org/> - The Save Our Siberians - Siberspace Rescue Fund (SOS-SRF) is an organization which raises and disburses funds to assist Siberian Husky rescue groups and individuals with non-routine expenses incurred for rescue dogs. This might include paying for heartworm treatment or making a contribution towards major surgery or multiple medical expenses.

## **REGIONAL SPECIFIC:**

### **ALBERTA, CANADA**

**The Animal Cancer Therapy Subsidization Society of Alberta (ACTSS)** - <http://www.actss.ca/>  
ACTSS is a not-for-profit society dedicated to bringing affordable modern veterinary cancer treatment to veterinary cancer patients. Through our programs we provide subsidies to dedicated pet owners as well as educate animal owners and veterinarians on the availability, uses and benefits of advanced cancer therapies in the treatment of veterinary cancers. ACTSS will help offset the cost of treatment for advanced cancer therapies designed by board certified veterinarians. The amount of subsidization depends on the need of the individual pet owner and funds available with ACTSS. Pet owners are asked to contribute what they can towards the cancer therapy, in order that ACTSS can help the greatest number of pets and their owners.

## CALIFORNIA

**Actors and Other Animals** <http://www.actorsandothers.com/emergencyhelp.html> – **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA only.** We endeavor to help the pet companions of low and/or fixed income guardians receive needed veterinary care. There is not a set standard amount, but typically the amount of financial help is 5% to 20% of the estimated cost. At no time do we cover the cost of the entire procedure.

**Orange County SPCA, CA** - <http://www.orangecountyspca.org/animal-rescue-fund> The Orange County SPCA Animal Rescue Fund assists low-income pet owners with emergency veterinary care, and provides subsidized spay/neuter assistance.

**PAWS San Diego** - <http://pawssandiego.org> PAWS provides assistance with veterinary costs and companion animal maintenance for low income seniors and persons with disabilities in the San Diego Area.

**PAWS Los Angeles** - [www.pawsla.org/programs/](http://www.pawsla.org/programs/) PAWS provides assistance with veterinary costs and companion animal maintenance for low income seniors and persons with disabilities in the Los Angeles Area.

**PAWS San Francisco** - [www.pawssf.org/page.aspx?pid=342](http://www.pawssf.org/page.aspx?pid=342) PAWS provides assistance with veterinary costs and companion animal maintenance for low income seniors and persons with disabilities in the San Francisco Area.

**Rocket Dog Rescue** – *SAN FRANCISCO* [www.rocketdogrescue.org](http://www.rocketdogrescue.org) Rocket Dog Rescue is an all-volunteer nonprofit group dedicated to saving homeless and abandoned animals from euthanasia in overcrowded Bay Area shelters. Rocket Dog Rescue also provides assistance to individuals and animal rescue groups fostering dogs in need of permanent new homes.

**Sam Simon Foundation** – *LOS ANGELES.* <http://www.samsimonfoundation.com/surgeryClinic.asp> The Sam Simon Foundation's mobile veterinary clinic now provides FREE Surgical Services to low income residents of Los Angeles.

**The School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California at Davis** - (Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital Small Animal Clinic) has a fund available for residents of Northern California. Funds are only available for certain conditions and are given at the discretion of the clinic directors. Phone 530-752-1393 or visit the website at [www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu](http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu).

## COLORADO

**Pet Aid Colorado** <http://www.petaidcolorado.org/displaycommon.cfm> Provides quality, comprehensive, and compassionate veterinary care for pets of the economically disadvantaged. Harrison Memorial is the largest not-for-profit animal hospital in Colorado and is accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association.

## FLORIDA

**The St. Francis House Pet Care Clinic** - [www.stfrancishousepetcare.org/services.htm](http://www.stfrancishousepetcare.org/services.htm) The clinic is operated in conjunction with the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. Basic veterinary care is available free of charge to low-income residents of Gainesville, FL who qualify for the program.

## GEORGIA

**The G.R.A.C.E. Fund**  
<http://www.vet.uga.edu/PR/archive/GRACE.pdf> - *GEORGIA only*. Helps clients of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine Small Animal Teaching Hospital who have demonstrated financial need to cover the costs of medical procedures.

## MASSACHUSETTS

**Nantucket MSPCA** <http://www.mspca.org/programs/help-pet-care-assistance.html> – *MASSACHUSETTS only*. The Nantucket MSPCA offers a number of subsidy programs that provide financial assistance to pet guardians.

**Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine - The Luke and Lilly Lerner Spay and Neuter Clinic** at Tufts University provides free spay services to low-income pet owners in Massachusetts. Link to clinic information: [http://www.tufts.edu/vet/lsnc/services/junior\\_spay\\_lab.html](http://www.tufts.edu/vet/lsnc/services/junior_spay_lab.html)

## MICHIGAN

**Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine** - <http://www.thepetfund.com/links.htm> has a fund for pet owners whose animals have a good chance of recovery but who cannot afford the costs involved.

## NEW YORK

### NY SAVE

<http://www.nysave.org/about.html> – *NYC only*. NY SAVE, Inc., serves the pets of New York City residents living in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens, and Staten Island by providing funds to low-income pet guardians whose pets need emergency veterinary care.

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Ashley's Angel Fund** <http://www.ashleyfund.org>- Nonprofit organization providing monetary assistance for veterinary care to dog owners whose pet is facing a life-threatening condition.

## RHODE ISLAND

### Volunteer Services for Animals -

<http://www.volunteerservicesforanimals.org/programsAndServices.html> Volunteer Services For Animals (VSA) is an organization of volunteers dedicated to animal well-being and the promotion of the human-animal bond through programs of education, advocacy, and assistance. VSA provides financial assistance to pet guardians for veterinary care.

## TEXAS

### Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center -

This Texas A&M program provides a home and care for companion animals whose owners are no longer able to provide care for their animals. Eligible recipients for assistance include pet owners who are entering a retirement home or are being hospitalized for an extended period.  
[www.cvm.tamu.edu/petcare/center.htm](http://www.cvm.tamu.edu/petcare/center.htm) Phone (979) 845-1188.

**Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, Annie's Fund** <http://vetmed.tamu.edu/anniesfund> To support patients in need of rehabilitation whose owners have financial hardships.

### Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, Save the Animals Fund

<http://vetmed.tamu.edu/giving/opportunities/capper-chris-save-the-animals-fund> - Provides financial assistance to pet owners who could not otherwise afford a lifesaving procedure for their animal, especially those pets that might have to be euthanized due to prohibitive financial hardship to the family. May contribute up to 50% of the total cost, with a maximum of \$1,000 per case.

## VIRGINIA

### **FETCH a Cure**

<http://fetchacure.com/cancer/companions-in-crisis> – If you or a friend is in need of financial assistance, please read about our Companions in Crisis program. \*\* *Application available online for download.*

## WASHINGTON

**WSU Good Samaritan Fund** <http://www.srdogs.com/Pages/needhomes.other.resources.html> – **Washington State University veterinary school patients only.** The Good Samaritan Fund at Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine is used exclusively to treat guardianless or special needs animals that, ideally but not exclusively, also present a teaching opportunity for the veterinary students.

## WISCONSIN

**Wisconsin Humane Society** - has a veterinary assistance program for residents of Wisconsin. Phone: 414-ANIMALS (414-264-6257). <https://www.wihumane.org/services/vapapplication.aspx>

**The Respond Fund, University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine** - [www.vetmed.wisc.edu/home](http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/home) This fund is available to elderly and disabled residents of Madison, WI.

## UNITED KINGDOM

<http://www.petloversonline.co.uk/financial.htm> - a list of resources for possible help for UK residents.

## FUNDS FOR URGENT CARE SITUATIONS:

### **Lovey's Loaves: Smudgie's Gifts**

<http://www.loveyloaves.com>

Provides gifts between \$100 and \$300 for one animal in need of urgent medical care. Applicant must have obtained a diagnosis, prognosis and treatment plan from a veterinarian, demonstrate financial need, show proof that the animal is spayed or neutered. The veterinary clinic must be aware of the clients financial need and be willing to work with LoveyLoaves, Inc. and provide an itemized estimate upon request. Payment is made directly to the veterinary clinic.

**IMOM – In Memory of Magic.**

<http://www.imom.org> – dedicated to helping sick, injured and abused companion animals and help owners who face euthanasia for financial reasons. *\*\* Applicants must apply for CareCredit and show that they on CareCredit to apply for IMOM. This is also an urgent care program. Vet must confirmed that pet will die or have to be euthanized within 10 days if treatment is not provided.*

**Red Rover**

<http://www.redrover.org/> – provides grants for pet care (numerous exclusions). *\*\* Click on “LifeLine Grants” section. The animal must have an urgent care need.*

**FUNDS YOUR VET CAN APPLY FOR ON YOUR BEHALF:**

**Frankie's Friends** [www.frankiesfriends.com](http://www.frankiesfriends.com) – **FLORIDA** residents only. Dedicated to finding cures and saving pets with cancer and other serious pet diseases.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**The American Humane Society**

[http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/trouble\\_affording\\_pet.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/trouble_affording_pet.html)  
Comprehensive listing of funding resources around the U.S.

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