



All about PetCare

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Having Trouble Affording Veterinary Care?

You've always managed to give your pet the medical care she deserves, but due to unexpected circumstances, you're faced with vet expenses that are far beyond your ability to afford them.

No owner wants a pet to suffer because medical care is out of reach. Financial aid is out there, and there are steps you can take to cover an emergency vet bill.

Please remember that, depending on the severity of your pet's illness or injury, you may still lose your pet even after great expense. Discuss the prognosis and treatment options with your veterinarian, including whether surgery or treatment would just cause your companion discomfort without preserving a life of good quality.

Pet health insurance

It may not help in the current crisis, but you should consider purchasing pet health insurance for future medical needs. We recommend Trupanion Pet Insurance.

Work with veterinarians

Be proactive.

- **Check out local veterinary schools.** Many run low-cost clinics for limited income clients. The American Veterinary Medical Association's website and Veterinaryschools.com have lists of veterinary schools by state.
- **Keep your pet up to date on vaccines and preventative care.** Many diseases can be prevented by keeping your pet up to date on vaccines! Regular physical examinations by a Veterinarian may help identify problems before they become too severe or before greater cost is necessary for treatment. Spaying, neutering, vaccinations, deworming, and regular physical exams could save your pet's life....and your pocket book!

Cash in

Explore ways to bring in some extra cash.

- Have a yard sale. One's man's trash is another man's treasure.
- If your birthday or a holiday is near, ask for cash in lieu of a present.
- Sell things on an online auction site such as eBay.
- Consider getting a second or part-time job or working for a temp agency.
- Ask your employer for a salary advance.

Raise your own funds or get temporary credit

If you don't qualify for a credit card or bank loan that can help you through your pet's crisis, you may still be able to get an account with [Care Credit](#), a credit card that's specifically for health expenses, including your pet's.

Care Credit offers no interest or low interest plans with fixed monthly payments that allow you to budget your money. It's accepted by many veterinarians (and people doctors). You may apply online at www.carecredit.com or by calling: (800) 677-0718.

You could raise your own funds! www.GiveForward.com enables you to create a personal fundraising page to raise funds for pet medical care. They charge a small percentage of funds raised.

Financial assistance

There are some animal welfare organizations that can help out with vet bills, either with low-cost care, loans, or grants. Here are a few:

Dog breed-specific veterinary care assistance programs

CorgiAid: corgiaid.org

Special Needs Dobermans: doberman911.org

Dougal's Helping Paw (Scottish Terriers, West Highland White Terriers and other small, short-legged terriers): <http://www.welcome.to/dougalsfund>

Labrador Harbor: labradorharbor.org/

Labmed: labmed.org

Labrador Lifeline: labradorlifeline.org

Westimed (West Highland White Terriers): westimed.org

Pyramedic Trust (Great Pyrenees): <http://www.angelfire.com/bc2/pyramedic/summary.html>

Veterinary care assistance for working/service dogs

Helping Harley Cancer Treatment Grant: <http://grants.landofpuregold.com>

Assistance Dogs Special Allowance Program: <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG82.htm>

More resources

Still looking for help?

- Contact your local animal shelter. Some shelters have onsite low-cost veterinary clinics or work with local vets who are willing to reduce their charges. Some also have veterinary loan or grant programs.
- Some assistance programs both locally and nationally may be able to help unique situations with one time grants or financial assistance. See Ohio and National programs or organizations below for more information.

OHIO ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Angels for Animals: Canfield (pet food, spay/neuter assistance)

www.angelsforanimals.org

The Bummer Fund: Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties (veterinary care assistance)

www.bummerfund.org

Humane Ohio: Toledo (spay/neuter assistance)

www.humaneohio.org

Jake Brady Memorial Fund (veterinary care assistance)

www.myjakebrady.com

MedVet Good Sam Fund: Columbus and Cincinnati (veterinary care assistance)

www.medvetfoundation.org

The Neuter Scooter: Multiple Locations (spay/neuter assistance for cats)

www.neuterscooter.com

Paws with Pride: Uniontown (temporary foster program)

pawswithpride.org

Pet Guards Clinic: Cuyahoga Falls (assistance for necessary veterinary medical care, spay/neuter and vaccinations)

www.petguards.com

PetPromise: Columbus (pet food assistance)

petpromise.org

The Society for the Improvement of Conditions for Stray Animals: Kettering (spay/neuter assistance, temporary foster program)

www.sicsa.org

Stop the Overpopulation of Pets: Mansfield (spay/neuter assistance)

www.petfinder.com/OH130

NATIONAL PET ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS

Here is a list of other organizations that help owners that cannot afford vet care. Some assist rescue organizations and homeless pets.

Rose's Fund for Animals - (877) 505-4234

www.rosesfund.org

Email: rosesfund@aol.com

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

Angels 4 Animals – (916) 941-9119

www.Angels4Animals.org

Email: staff@angels4animals.org

Our services range from financial aid to complete treatment to those pets and pet owners in need.

Angels4Animals, a non-profit organization and a program of Inner Voice Community Services, has a mission to serve as the guardian angel of animals whose caretakers find themselves in difficult financial situations. At Angels4Animals they believe that animal owners should not have to say goodbye to the animals that they love. Their work is accomplished in conjunction with veterinary clinics across the country, eager to assist as many animals, and their owners, as possible. The services offered range from financial aid to complete treatment to those pets and pet owners in need.

The Assistance Dog United Campaign – (800) 284-DOGS (3647)

www.assistancedogunitedcampaign.org/vouchers.html

Email: info@assistancedogunitedcampaign.org

Operated in association with The Assistance Dog Institute, this nonprofit helps people with disabilities find funding to purchase service dogs. Phone: 800 284-DOGS (3647)

The Brown Dog Foundation

<http://www.browndogfoundation.org/>

At Brown Dog Foundation it is our mission to offer pet owners in temporary financial crisis an alternative to euthanasia when their pet faces a treatable life-threatening condition in order to restore the quality of life for pet and owner. Use the online form to apply for assistance.

Cody's Club – (614) 620-2476

www.codysclub.bravehost.com/

Email: kraft.42@osu.edu

When facing radiation for your companion animal, this group may be able to make a tough decision easier. Cody's Club provides financial support for those who face radiation treatments on a limited income, and also emotional support services in the form of a hotline and in-person group that meets monthly.

Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance (FVEAP)

www.fveap.org/sys-tmpl/door/

Email: Timothy Meeker - fveap@earthlink.net

Seniors, People with disabilities, People who have lost their job, Good Samaritans who rescue a cat or kitten - any of these folks may need financial assistance to save a beloved companion. The Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides financial assistance to cat and kitten guardians who are unable to afford veterinary services to save their companions when life-threatening illness or injury strikes.

Fetch a Cure - (804) 525-2193

5609 Patterson Ave., Suite D

Richmond, VA 23226

Website: www.fetchacure.org

Email: info@fetchacure.org

Whether it be through financial support or other resources, FETCH a Cure's, Canines in Crisis program looks forward to providing families with a sense of hope.

IMOM

www.imom.org

We are dedicated to insure that no companion animal has to be euthanized simply because their caretaker is financially challenged. See the application criteria [here](#).

Help-A-Pet – (630) 986-9504

www.help-a-pet.org

Our efforts focus on serving the elderly, the disabled, and the working poor. HelpAPet.org helps with vet bills for pets of the physically and mentally challenged, the elderly on fixed incomes, and children of the poor. Proof of income is required, and the pet owner must pay as much of the bill as they can to show the pet owner's commitment to the well being of their pet. 100% of every dollar donated goes directly to the veterinarian or medical care giver who is treating the animal.

The Perseus Foundation

www.perseusfoundation.org/new-petowner/index.cfm

Provides information and support to owners whose pets are diagnosed with cancer. Provides information on clinical trials. Provides financial assistance through its Magic Bullet Fund

The Magic Bullet Fund

www.themagicbulletfund.org/

Email: email@themagicbulletfund.org

The Magic Bullet Fund helps people who have a dog with cancer but cannot afford treatment costs.

Canine Cancer Awareness

www.caninecancerawareness.org

Email: info@caninecancerawareness.org

Our mission is to provide you with knowledge and support so that you can consult with your vet to get the best possible treatment for your dog. CCA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting canine cancer. We help sponsor the veterinary costs of dogs diagnosed with cancer for those families in financial need who would not otherwise be able to afford treatment.

The Pet Fund – (916) 443-6007

www.thepetfund.com/

Email: info@thepetfund.com

The Pet Fund is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit association that provides financial assistance to owners of domestic animals who need urgent veterinary care. Often animals are put down or suffer needlessly because their owners cannot afford expensive surgery or medical treatment. Companion animal owners must often make the difficult decision to put an animal down or neglect medical needs because of the costs involved. The purpose of the Pet Fund is to work towards a future where decisions about companion animal medical care need never be made on the basis of cost. ALL applicants are REQUIRED to contact The Pet Fund by phone BEFORE applying for funding.

United Animal Nations

www.uan.org/lifeline/index.html

E-mail: info@uan.org

The mission of LifeLine is to help homeless or recently rescued animals suffering from life-threatening conditions that require specific and immediate emergency veterinary care. We strive to serve Good Samaritans and rescue groups who take in sick or injured animals. In certain cases, LifeLine can also assist senior citizens and low-income families pay for immediate emergency veterinary care.

Feline Outreach

www.felineoutreach.org

Email: general@felineoutreach.org

Feline Outreach is a charitable organization formed to promote the routine and medical care of companion animals, particularly cats. (Note: Feline Outreach was founded by people who have diabetic cats.)

Cats in Crisis

www.catsincrisis.org

Cats in Crisis Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and humane organizations care for cats with chronic or emergency medical conditions through financial and fundraising assistance. You must complete the online application to be considered for aid.

Shakespeare Animal Fund - (775) 342-7040

www.shakespeareanimalfund.org/

Email: theshakefund@aol.com

Anyone can apply for funds, but SAF offers assistance primarily to those on fixed incomes or with annual incomes below \$35,000. Exceptions are made depending on circumstances. It is always a one-time grant

Piggers' Pals

www.piggerspals.org/mission.html

Email: info@piggerspals.org

A nonprofit organization designed to assist families in need seek specialty level care for their pets. The foundation will accept applications from individuals or families that require financial assistance to provide advanced medical and/or surgical veterinary care that will extend both quantity and quality of life for their pets that would otherwise not be available to them.

Pet Diabetes Fund

www.petdiabetes.org/fund/

Not accepting applications at this time

The Mosby Foundation

www.themosbyfoundation.org/

Email: info@themosbyfoundation.org

The Mosby Foundation would like to help everyone who asks for aid. However, this is simply not possible. Due to the overwhelming number of applications we receive daily and the limited funds we have to work with, we simply cannot help everyone. Our priority for accepting an application for funding will continue to be a life-saving emergency confirmed by a licensed veterinarian either by fax or phone. To apply for a grant call 540-939-4034 or e-mail info@themosbyfoundation.org

Care Credit

www.carecredit.com

(800) 859-9975

A credit card company for health care, including veterinary care. "Care Credit, the leader in patient/client financing, has helped more than 3 million patients/clients get the treatment or procedures they needed and wanted. With a comprehensive range of plan options, for treatment or procedure fees from \$1 to over \$25,000, we offer a plan and a low monthly payment to fit comfortably into almost every budget."

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www.catsincrisis.org

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www.help-a-pet.org

(630) 986-9504

"Our efforts focus on serving the elderly, the disabled, and the working poor. For lonely seniors, physically/mentally challenged individuals and children of working parents, pets represent much more than a diversion."

IMOM

www.imom.org

Fax: (630) 214-8952

"Mission Statement: Helping people help pets. To better the lives of sick, injured and abused companion animals. We are dedicated to insure that no companion animal has to be euthanized simply because their caretaker is financially challenged." (Note: IMOM has a special fund for diabetic cats)

RedRover Relief

www.redrover.org/relief

"RedRover Relief provides financial assistance grants and additional resources so pet owners and rescuers can care for animals who need urgent veterinary care. Visit www.redrover.org/grants for eligibility requirements and application. RedRover also offers financial assistance for victims of domestic violence and their pets. To learn more about this program, visit www.redrover.org/domestic."

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(775) 342-7040

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Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance

www.fveap.org

1641 Elizabeth Lane

Yuba City, CA 95993

fveap@earthlink.net

FAX: (888) 301-4264

We are a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Charity Organization (EIN #16-1624014) that provides emergency financial assistance to cat and kitten guardians who are unable to afford veterinary services to save their companion when life-threatening illness or injury strikes.

Seniors, people with disabilities, people who have lost their job, Good Samaritans who rescue an injured or ill cat or kitten - any of these folks may need emergency financial assistance.

We also have a specialized dedicated fund (Kobi's Fund) for cats with Vaccine Associated Sarcoma (VAS) (also known as Injection Site Sarcoma).

We are not able to assist with routine exams, vaccinations, Insulin, or Spay/Neuter.

