

# **Financial Aid Resources for Animal Owners**

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

*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.*

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

**Red Rover Relief** – (<https://redrover.org/relief/urgent-care-grants/>)

The RedRover Relief Urgent Care grant program provides financial assistance, resources, and emotional support for pet guardians struggling with economic hardship when pets are in life-threatening situations.

The average grant is around \$250, and is intended to fill a small gap in funding that is keeping an animal from care.

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

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. The Mosby

Foundation also offers the following programs for assistance: Spay/Neuter fund and Humane Education for elementary schools.

\*\*\* Due to the overwhelming number of applications we receive daily and the limited funds we have to work with, we simply cannot help everyone. Please e-mail us with a brief description of your dog's medical condition and your situation. 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. Funds pledged will be available for 60 days after the date they were originally pledged. After that time they will not be available.

**To apply for a grant, e-mail [info@themosbyfoundation.org](mailto:info@themosbyfoundation.org)**

## **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:

- Funding of equipment for medical facilities
- Funding for much needed research
- Medical treatment for animals where hardship is present
- Funding of organizations that benefit animals
- Other endeavors that benefit the welfare of animals

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

The Riedel Cody Fund provides aid for cancer treatment funds only. We know that cancer treatment for your pet is costly and can create financial hardship. If your household income is below \$50,000 per year and you are struggling and need help, you may apply online for financial assistance.

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

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

**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.

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

Magic Bullet Fund provides assistance for cancer treatment fees only. The fund does not provide assistance for other conditions, for cancer treatment after the first course of treatment has failed, for palliative care, for euthanasia or for a family's past due balance at the clinic.

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

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. The board is 8 made up of animal lovers and understands the emotions involved in situations like these. They are here to help, listen, and to answer any questions you have.

### **Applicant Process:**

- People interested in receiving a grant from Friends & Vets Helping Pets need to first fill out the Initial Qualification Form. In order for an applicant(s) to qualify for further review, the applicant(s) must show financial need based on a combination of their income compared to the federal poverty guidelines and the estimated veterinary costs. Each applicant will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Initial Review Committee.
- The applicant(s) will then be notified via e-mail and in writing if they have been preliminarily approved or if they have been denied. If they have been preliminarily approved, the approval only means that they will be sent the Formal Qualification Form. A preliminary approval does not mean the applicant(s) will be qualified for a grant.
- Upon notification of preliminary approval, the applicant(s) will receive a Formal Qualification Form. The applicant(s) must fill out the form and provide the required documentation. The applicant(s) and the veterinarian will receive written notification of either a denial or an approval letter describing the amount Friends & Vets Helping Pets will donate, the amount the applicant(s) are responsible to pay the veterinarian, and the amount the veterinarian is donating. Only upon receipt of said approval letter may the veterinarian start treatment and depend on the listed funds.
- 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.

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

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. Documentation must be available upon request.

## **Pets of the Homeless—(<https://petsofthehomeless.org/get-help/>)**

Pets of the Homeless provides financial assistance directly to veterinarians for pre-approved emergency veterinary care for pets whose owner is experiencing homelessness.

This program provides:

- Emergency vet care

The initial interview is conducted by a Case Manager who determines eligibility basis on agency criteria. All treatment is pre-authorized and payable directly to licensed veterinarians. Treatment always includes updating of vaccinations at no cost. Examples of the need for emergency treatment include: parvo; swallowing of foreign objects; open skin lesion; broken bones, ear infections, palpable growth and mange (skin mites). There is no charge to you but we would appreciate any payment made to the hospital at the time of the visit towards the invoice.

If you should you have a pet emergency injury or illness, apply by calling Monday – Friday. tel: 775-841-7463

## **Bow Wow Buddies Foundation—( <https://www.bowwowbuddies.com/about/>)**

The Bow Wow Buddies Foundation offers a second chance to sick and injured dogs in need by providing medical care funds to dogs who are either homeless or whose parents cannot afford to pay their veterinary bills.

This program provides:

- Financial assistance for veterinary care up to \$2,500

The Bow Wow Buddies Foundation will award grants up for necessary medical treatments for dogs across North America in need of care for conditions such as:

- Broken bones
- Abdominal obstruction
- Enucleation
- Cancer
- Emergency services

Please apply on the website. After the review, notifications are sent to the applicants to let them know whether their grant request has been approved. Checks for each grant review period are distributed within five business days of the end of the review period and sent directly to the presiding veterinarian.

## **Frankie's Friends—( <https://www.frankiesfriends.org/hope-funds>)**

Frankie's Friends provides Hope Funds to family-owned pets in need of lifesaving emergency or specialty veterinary care whose caregivers cannot afford the full cost of treatment and are being or will be treated at a BluePearl Veterinary Hospital.

This program provides:

- Financial Assistance

Financial support may be given to families who demonstrate substantial financial need and whose pets would have a good prognosis from a single intervention for long-term recovery to a normal quality of life.

To inquire about Hope Funds for your pet, talk to the clinician or Practice Manager at participating BluePearl Veterinary Hospital locations to see if funding is available and if a pet meets the criteria for assistance.

**Live Like Roo—(<https://www.livelikeroo.org/>)**

The Live Like Roo Foundation provides financial assistance to help cover healthcare costs related to cancer treatment in the form of grants.

This program provides:

- Help pay for pet cancer treatment

This program offers grants ranging from \$500 - \$1500 per qualified applicant and are awarded on a monthly basis after a complete review of the application and the relevant medical records.

Please click on the apply for help button on the website to apply for services.

This program assists with the care of dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets and horses.

**Free RX Plus – (<http://www.freerxplus.com/DDBSF2061/en/index.html>)**

The FreeRxPlus® program provides you FREE access to savings up to 85% on your medications if you are uninsured, underinsured or even if you have insurance and have a co-pay of \$10 or more! Anyone with or without prescription coverage can take this card to one of our 56,000 participating pharmacies and receive immediate savings on their medication. Visit the website for more information regarding this valuable program or contact us at 1-888-412-0869.