



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.

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

- 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.

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.

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](#))

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

Buddy Care Foundation – (<http://www.buddycare.org>)

Through this program, pet owners can apply for a Buddy Care Grant to help cover the costs of life-saving canine medical care. Grant requests will require the recommendation and cooperation of a licensed veterinarian, the complete diagnosis and recommended course of treatment, a positive prognosis, shared financial responsibility and financial statements demonstrating hardship.

STEP 1: Review our eligibility requirements

STEP 2: Pre-qualify with our online application, which will be reviewed by a Case Manager within 48 hours.

STEP 3: If you pre-qualify for assistance, you will then be asked to provide a list of documentation for further consideration.

STEP 4: A Case Manager will contact the veterinarian requesting additional information.

STEP 5: A decision will be made and notification will be made as quickly as possible.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

The Animal:

- Have a life-threatening injury or illness that requires urgent and specific treatment. This generally excludes preventative care, hip dysplasia, ligament repair, heartworm or eye conditions, alternative care, chiropractic care, cosmetic and elective procedures.
- Prognosis must be good to excellent.
- Must be spayed or neutered.
- Must be 10 years of age or under at the time of treatment.

The Pet Owner:

- Demonstrate that financial hardship will prevent the pet owner from following the recommended course of treatment.
- The pet owner must be able to pay for 25% of the proposed treatment. If the funds are not available, we recommend applying for Care Credit. Care Credit offers zero interest and low monthly payment options to fund needed medical treatment. Care Credit provides a lifesaving option for pet owners needing financing for veterinary medical care. For more information, visit Care Credit online at <http://www.carecredit.com/vetmed/>.
- Be a legal resident of the United States.

The Veterinarian:

- Must be willing to speak with a case manager from Buddy Care Foundation and provide an itemized estimate upon request.
- Must discount the final bill a minimum of 25%.
- Must be willing to accept a check from Buddy Care Foundation.

IMOM – (<http://www.imom.org/>)

Due to the current economic crisis and decline in donations, IMOM presently accepts applications for life threatening emergencies only. Life threatening emergencies are defined as follows:

A life threatening emergency exists when it has been confirmed in writing by a veterinarian that your pet will die or have to be humanely euthanized if care is not provided within ten days from the date of diagnosis.

Top Dog Foundation- (http://www.topdogfoundation.org/11-20-11_revision/programs.htm)

Offers “Bentley’s Grants”- financial assistance to dog owners, rescue groups, or shelters, thru their veterinarians, to support medical of aging dogs with serious medical challenges

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. 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

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

All grant applications must be returned with the following to be presented for consideration:

- 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.

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.

United Animal Nation – (<http://www.uan.org/index.cfm?navid=28>)

Red Rover Relief Grants: The Red Rover Grant Program provides funding to Good Samaritans, animal rescuers, non-profit

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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

- Be seeking assistance for one animal in need of urgent medical care.
- Have obtained a diagnosis, prognosis and treatment plan. RedRover cannot pay for office exams or diagnostic testing.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Make a concerted fundraising effort, attempting to find funding through your own means and personal contacts. See our [suggestions for fundraising](#).
- Submit a completed application online.
- Provide updates, photos and video if RedRover is able to help.
- 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 favorable 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.

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

Please visit the website and review all information under the “Ask For Help” link

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.**

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;

You do **NOT** qualify for financial assistance through Paws 4 A Cure under any of the following circumstances:

- You are not a resident of the United States of America;
- Your annual household income is above 300% of the [Federal Poverty Level](#)
- You do not provide Paws 4 A Cure with all the required documents;
- You have been approved for the entire amount needed by CareCredit;
- Your veterinarian will not accept payment from Paws 4 A Cure;
- Your pet is being held at the veterinary office until payment is made;
- Your veterinarian has agreed to a payment plan with you;
- You have received financial assistance from Paws 4 A Cure in the past. (*exceptions are on a case by case basis*)
- You are a breeder or rescue group;
- Your pet requires testing to determine a diagnosis;
- You are seeking assistance for elective surgery and/or surgery that is not essential for the survival of the pet;
- You cannot prove hardship;
- You cannot prove ownership of the dog or cat.

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);
- [Veterinarian 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
- 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/>
- Or mailed to:
 - Paws 4 A Cure
 - Attn: Grants
 - P.O. Box 1821
 - Wakefield, MA 01880

(Please be advised, if your required documentation is not received within 30 days of your online application you will need to resubmit a new online application.)

Paws 4 A Cure is unable to process your application without the treating veterinarian's documents and estimate of service. You are required to provide the treating veterinarian with the documentation or direct them to the [Veterinary Professionals](#) page.

Please scan your documents as a pdf and email them to info@paws4acure.org or fax them to (866) 799-5166.

Do **not** send an email, you must complete the online application. Paws 4 A Cure does not accept email inquiries for financial assistance.

* All emails are responded to once the online application is received. Please add info@paws4acure.org into your email address book. If you do not see an email response after you submit in your application, please check your spam folder.

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

Friends & Vets Helping Pets- (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

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.

Cats Only:

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.

Animals with Special Needs:

Handicapped Pets Foundation – (<http://hpets.org/apply-for-help.html>)

The mission of the Handicapped Pets Foundation is to support caretakers of elderly, disabled, and special needs pets with the equipment, especially dog wheelchairs, they need to live happy, healthy lives. Assistance is provided for those people with a demonstrated financial need.

***Applications are filled out online only. Please note that you will have 30 minutes to complete the application form before the session will time out and you will have to re-submit the information**

Diabetic Pets Fund – (<http://www.petdiabetes.net/fund/application.html>)

Eligibility Guidelines

The applicant must:

- be in financial need and be unable to pay the cost for treatment
- contribute financially to some degree and if need be, apply for [Citi Health](#), [Care Credit](#) or similar institution and either is denied or approved for limited funding
- must be appreciative of the financial assistance if they have been approved for an assistance
- agree to repay the Fund if their financial condition changes in the future
- provide Muffin with updates and photos. Applicant will be required to send an email update to Muffin at least once per week. We feel our applicants should be willing to be an active participant in this manner
- have made and continue to make an effort to find other sources of funding

Prior to approval, you must obtain a written estimate from your veterinarian. This must be on the veterinarian's letterhead and must include the following:

- your full name
- your pet's name
- diagnosis
- prognosis
- complete breakdown of costs,
- the urgency of your pet's condition and
- will your veterinarian accept third party payment?
- A written estimate from the attending veterinarian is always required before the application can be completely reviewed.

Canine or Feline Cancer:

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 Magic Bullet Fund – (<http://www.themagicbulletfund.org/Apply.shtml>)

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.

Assistance Requirements:

- Tumor removal surgery

- Including amputation for osteosarcoma
- MBF generally does not fund post-surgery treatment (chemo or radiation therapy)
- Chemotherapy for lymphoma and other cancers
 - Magic Bullet Fund does not fund treatment for relapsed lymphoma or recurrent cancers
- Radiation Therapy when no other treatment has a chance of gaining a one-year survival

Apply only if all of the following statements are true:

- You are the dog's primary caretaker or owner (or a shelter/rescue group).
- You are the person who pays for the dog's medical care.
- Your dog has been diagnosed with cancer and your vet said that treatment has a 50% or better chance of extend your dog's life by a year.
- You cannot afford to pay for treatment.
- Your dog is:
 - TEN or younger if 0 to 40 pounds
 - EIGHT or younger if 40 to 100 pounds
 - SEVEN or younger if 100 pounds or more

It's not that we don't care about the older dogs! We work to raise funding for the dogs we will BE ABLE TO raise funds for. Sponsors donate more generously for young dogs who may survive longer. They want their donations to make as big a difference as possible. Additionally, it is the opinion of the board that when a dog is near the expected survival age for his size and breed, it may not be in the best interest of the dog to compromise the last chapter of his or her life by providing cancer treatment that may or may not be effective. Additionally, we are a very small fund and simply don't have enough eyes and hands to receive hundreds of applications.

Canine Cancer Awareness – (<http://caninecancerawareness.org/apply-for-financial-assistance>)

Because things can change quite quickly at times, and because they want to keep track of who asks for applications, anyone interested in applying contact the organization directly.

Treatments for canine cancer are very costly and can create financial hardship. If you are struggling and need assistance to provide your dog with cancer treatment you are encouraged to download an application for financial assistance.

In order to focus our efforts effectively, Canine Cancer Awareness has adopted the policies below:

- **Confirmed Cancer Diagnosis Needed** — You need to have a confirmed cancer diagnosis from your veterinarian to have the application reviewed.
- **Payments to Vets Only** — It is our policy to make payments directly to the vet/oncologist only.
- **Only Future Bills Considered** — We can only consider charges that are incurred once a completed application is received. Any charges that are incurred before the completion date of the application cannot be considered. We do not make or reimburse any payments to Care Credit.

The Dog & Cat Cancer Fund – (<http://www.dccfund.org/treatment/application/>)

General Considerations:

- We can only fund animals with a definitive diagnosis of malignant cancer.
- We cannot provide advice on treatment options. Your veterinarian or specialist is the person who should provide this information.
- We cannot coordinate your dog's or cat's care.
- We are unlikely to fund treatment for animals whose cancer is recurrent.
- We cannot fund exploratory surgery, emergency services, or diagnostic costs.
- Dogs or cats over 15 years of age are not eligible for grants.
 - For most larger breeds 10 years is the maximum.
 - Some small breeds are eligible if over 10 years, but under 15 years of age.

The following guidelines will be used for preliminary evaluation of both the pet's prognosis and the owner's needs prior to distribution of any aid.

- The pet has a form of cancer that can be treated with a one, or a combination of: surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and alternative treatment methods.
- The pet's prognosis is good with an expected lifespan of > 2 years, if (a) is performed.
- The pet is not in the latter stages of their normal, expected lifespan.
- The owner has insufficient means to pay for (a) as documented by:
 - i. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - ii. Unemployment Insurance (UI)
 - iii. Food Stamp Program
 - iv. Medicaid
 - v. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - vi. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)
- The owner does not qualify for under section (d), but has a temporary financial hardship as documented by the owner and attested to by the owner's primary veterinarian. Some examples of this may include, but not be restricted to:
 - i. Previous year tax returns
 - ii. Recent evidence of income
 - iii. Bank statements for previous two months
 - iv. Signed affidavit attesting to need
 - v. Please note that a request by the Dog and Cat Cancer Fund for financial information does not constitute acceptance of your application. We will review all financial information before reaching a final decision regarding your application.
- If accepted into the fund, the maximum grant amount will be **\$1200.00** per pet per year and may be less.
- All grants will be made directly to service providers.
- Under no circumstances will funds be sent directly to the pet owner.

Veterinary care assistance for working/service dogs:

The Gift of Sunshine- (<http://www.thegiftofsunshine.org/>)

The Gift of Sunshine supports service dogs and their partners with financial assistance to offset some costs of obtaining and caring for a service dog.

The Hope Chest (<http://www.thegiftofsunshine.org/hopechest.html>) can help with costs of obtaining a new service dog. The Hope Chest will pay a one time maximum of \$2,000.00 to a participating Partner Program upon completion of team training. If you are interested in applying for

assistance from the Hope Chest, please contact the organization from which you will be obtaining your dog. If they are not already a Partner Program, encourage them to contact us. We will only accept requests for assistance directly from a participating Partner Program. The Hope Chest provides funding at no charge to the disabled person or Partner Program

The Gandalf Fund (<http://www.thegiftofsunshine.org/gandalf.html>) (Online application only, are reviewed in the order they are received) 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, including, but 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. If you are interested in applying for assistance from the Gandalf Fund, please complete the Gandalf Fund Application online. 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.

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

- Grants awarded are \$1000 per individual full-time working dog partner.
- Applicants **MUST** have been active, full-time working dogs at the time of cancer diagnosis in the areas of assistance, detection, search and rescue, enforcement, military work, or animal assisted therapy*.

(*Animal-assisted therapy dogs must be providing at least 30 hours weekly in a professional setting to qualify.)

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!*

Pet Chance: <http://www.petchance.org>

Giving pets a chance when money is tight. Also, will allow you to raise funds when treatment has already been completed. It is free to create an account, register a Pet, and set up a Chance so you can request donations for your Pet. When you raise money, a 6.5% fee is deducted from the amount you raise to cover credit card charges and other operational costs. Pet Chance helps you raise the fee amount from donors too - so you have the opportunity to raise every penny you need for the treatment.

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 (minus a small processing fee of 7%).

Go Fund 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.

Indiegogo: <http://www.indiegogo.com/>

It's free to sign up, to create a campaign, and to contribute to a campaign. When your campaign raises funds, Indiegogo charges a 9.0% fee on the funds you raise. If you reach your goal, you get 5.0% back, for an overall fee of 4.0%.

Other Websites with Resources:

<http://www.pga.com/financialaid.html>

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/trouble_affording_pet.html

<http://www.banfieldcharitabletrust.org/nonprofits/funding-resources/>

Dog breed-specific veterinary care assistance programs:

American Pit Bull Foundation: <http://www.americanpitbullfoundation.com/Programs.html>

Bernese Mountain Dog Health Assistance Fund: <http://www.behaf.org/apply.html>

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>

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>

Other Financial Aid Resources:

TN Local Food Pantries:

Young-Williams Animal Center's Pet Food Assistance Program:

A special way to help pet owners in Knox County temporarily meet the needs of their pets during today's difficult times. Below are the details about our program.

Please Note:

This program is not designed to be a pet owner's sole source of pet food but rather to supplement their efforts.

Program Details

- Pet food is only available on the second Saturday of the month between the hours of 8:00am and 10:00 am.
- Only **ONE** member of a household may apply for and receive pet food.
- Pet food will be provided for no more than three (3) pets.
- Owners must have had their pets for at least three (3) months to receive food for them.
- Owners must show proof that their pets are spayed or neutered OR be willing to have **ALL** of their dogs and cats altered on the Animal Center's Spay Shuttle.
- Owners may not add **ANY** pets to their household while they are receiving food from the pet pantry.
- After the first receipt of pet food, participants must do at least three (3) hours of community service to receive food again. Consider contacting local churches, food kitchens and other non-profit agencies to volunteer your time. Proof of this service should be provided on the day pet food is requested. Proof of service should be in the form of a letter on official letterhead. Information should include the date(s) of service, tasks performed and contact information for your supervisor. Community service may be waived if the applicant is physically unable to do so.
- Applicants must reapply to the program **EVERY** January and July.
- Young-Williams Animal Center has a right to deny a pet food request at any time for any reason.

You must bring:

- photo i.d.
- mail showing your current (30 days or less) address such as a phone or KUB bill
- income qualification documents

- spay/neuter records for all of your cats and/or dogs

*For more information, contact program administrator
Xan Rawls at (865) 215-6683.*

Anderson County Humane Society Pet Food Pantry:

Anderson County Humane Society provides a pet food pantry for Anderson County residents only. This program is for pet owners in financial hardship who cannot afford to feed their dogs and cats and was started to prevent animal surrender to the local animal shelter. The pet food pantry is open two Saturdays each month. To benefit from this program, cats and dogs must be spayed or neutered.

For more information about the pet food pantry or you will like to donate dog and/or cat food to help families in need, please call (865) 381-1550 or visit www.andersoncohumane.org.

Pet Food Stamps:

The Pet Food Stamps program, NYS non-profit corp. pending, with a Tax ID/EIN, has been created to fill the void in the United States Food Stamp program which excludes the purchase of pet food and pet supplies. In these rough economic times, many pet owners are often forced to abandon their beloved pet to animal shelters due to the inability to pay for their basic food supply and care.

The Pet Food Stamps program, due to the generosity of contributors and patrons, are able to eliminate that heart-wrenching decision by making sure these pet owners are given free monthly home delivery of all necessary food supplies to maintain the health and vitality of their pets.

After completion of the initial contact form (**completed online at the link below**), you will be contacted by a live enrollment agent to verify eligibility. Due to the tremendous number of applications we receive, it may take up to 3 weeks to respond. **Please DO NOT call to apply.**

https://petfoodstamps.org/Pet_Food_Stamps_Application.html