

## IF YOU NEED HELP PAYING FOR VETERINARY SERVICES

Many of these organizations help only in emergency situations such as accidental injuries requiring immediate care, long term health problems requiring surgery or ongoing treatment, such as orthopedic repairs or chemotherapy for animals with cancer. Some can also provide pet food and other assistance to seniors and people with serious illness or disability.

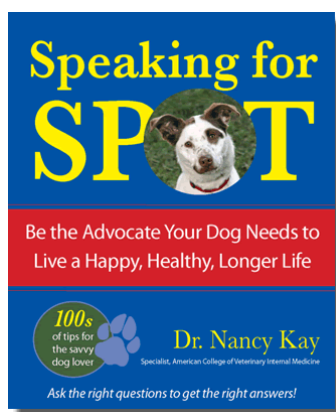
Each organization has specific application criteria. Please check the organization's website first before calling.

This information is provided to help you in locating financial assistance to cover veterinary costs. The information has been compiled from many sources on the internet and was accurate at the time of compilation. You should always check the organization's website for the most up to date information.

Regular veterinary care is essential to keep your pet healthy. ***Speaking for Spot: Be the Advocate Your Dog Needs to Live a Happy, Healthy, Longer Life*** provides the information you need to make the most effective use of your veterinary care expenditures when your pet is healthy, when they are ill and at the time of end-of-life decisions. Please visit [www.speakingforspot.com](http://www.speakingforspot.com) to read excerpts from ***Speaking for Spot***. There you will also find "Advocacy Aids"- helpful health forms you can download and use for your own dog, and a collection of published articles on advocating for your pet's health. ***Speaking for Spot*** is available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), local bookstores, or your favorite online book seller.

Wishing you and your pet good health,

Dr. Nancy Kay  
Specialist, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine



## General

### **American Animal Hospital Association – (866) 443-5738**

[www.aahahelpingpets.org/](http://www.aahahelpingpets.org/)

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

Through the AAHA Helping Pets Fund, we offer grants for veterinary care of pets that have been abandoned and those whose owners are experiencing financial hardship. AAHA-accredited veterinary practices may apply for financial assistance on behalf of their clients in need.

### **Angels 4 Animals – (916) 941-9119**

[www.Angels4Animals.org](http://www.Angels4Animals.org)

Email: [staff@angels4animals.org](mailto: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.

### **Animal Cancer Therapy Subsidization Society – (780) 732-3522 – Canada**

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

Email: [secretary@actssalberta.org](mailto:secretary@actssalberta.org)

The Animal Cancer Therapy Subsidization Society is a registered charity in Alberta, Canada that is devoted to making cancer treatment for pets a reality. The Lucky Moffat Memorial Fund (in loving memory of a very special dog), was developed by ACTSS to insure that all pets, can receive cancer therapies, regardless of their owner's income.

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

[www.assistancedogunitedcampaign.org/vouchers.html](http://www.assistancedogunitedcampaign.org/vouchers.html)

Email: [info@assistancedogunitedcampaign.org](mailto: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.

**Care Credit - (866) 893-7864**

[www.carecredit.com](http://www.carecredit.com) - <http://carecredit.com/vetmed/whycc.html>

A credit card company for health care, including veterinary care. 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.

**Cody's Club – (614) 620-2476**

[www.codysclub.bravehost.com/](http://www.codysclub.bravehost.com/)

Email: [kraft.42@osu.edu](mailto: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.

**Fetch the Cure - (804) 525-2193**

5609 Patterson Ave., Suite D

Richmond, VA 23226

Website: [www.fetchacure.org](http://www.fetchacure.org)

Email: [info@fetchacure.org](mailto: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.

**Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance (FVEAP)**

[www.fveap.org/sys-tmpl/door/](http://www.fveap.org/sys-tmpl/door/)

Email: Timothy Meeker - [fveap@earthlink.net](mailto: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.

**God's Creatures Ministry – (973) 694-5155**

[www.all-creatures.org/gcm/help-cf.html](http://www.all-creatures.org/gcm/help-cf.html)

Email: [Godscre@msn.com](mailto:Godscre@msn.com)

This fund helps pay for veterinarian bills for those who need help.

**Good Sam Fund – (614) 846-5800**

[www.medvetfoundation.org/index.asp](http://www.medvetfoundation.org/index.asp)

Email: [mwyman1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mwyman1@columbus.rr.com)

The MedVet Good Sam (Special Assistance and Memorial) Fund was established in 1999, well before the development of the Foundation. Its mission was then, and still is, to provide financial aid and support for sick or injured stray animals who are admitted to MedVet by Good Samaritans and animal lovers. Each grant for assistance is limited to \$500 per doctor per year and per patient per year. Please [click here](#) for the criteria for you and your pet.

## **IMOM**

[www.imom.org](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://www.themagicbulletfund.org/)

Email: [email@themagicbulletfund.org](mailto: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](http://www.caninecancerawareness.org)

Email: [info@caninecancerawareness.org](mailto: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/](http://www.thepetfund.com/)

Email: [info@thepetfund.com](mailto: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 – (916) 429-2457**

[www.uan.org/lifeline/index.html](http://www.uan.org/lifeline/index.html)

E-mail: [info@uan.org](mailto: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.

**UK Assistance with Veterinary Bills**

[www.petloveronline.co.uk/financial.htm](http://www.petloveronline.co.uk/financial.htm)

Most of us can cope with the financial commitment involved in the day to day care of our pets. However, how many of us come out in a cold sweat when our pet is ill or injured and we know we have to take it to the vet? Most of us are fortunate enough to be able to afford it but, some of us who love our animals dearly cannot.

**Feline Outreach**

[www.felineoutreach.org](http://www.felineoutreach.org)

Email: [general@felineoutreach.org](mailto: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](http://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/](http://www.shakespeareanimalfund.org/)

Email: [theshakefund@aol.com](mailto: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

**New York SAVE**

[www.nysave.org](http://www.nysave.org)

NY S.A.V.E, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to the aid and assistance of low-income pet owners residing in one of the five boroughs of New York City, whose pet is in need of emergency veterinary care.

**Piggers' Pals**

[www.piggerspals.org/mission.html](http://www.piggerspals.org/mission.html)

Email: [info@piggerspals.org](mailto: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.

**Int'l Assoc of Assistance Dog Partners VCP Program**

[www.iaadp.org/index.html](http://www.iaadp.org/index.html)

Email: [iaadp@aol.com](mailto:iaadp@aol.com)

AADP has established an emergency veterinary fund to provide financial aid to United States IAADP Partner Members whose assistance dogs require high cost veterinary intervention beyond their ability to pay.

**Pet Diabetes Fund**

[www.petdiabetes.org/fund/](http://www.petdiabetes.org/fund/)

Not accepting applications at this time

**The Mosby Foundation**

[www.themosbyfoundation.org/](http://www.themosbyfoundation.org/)

[info@themosbyfoundation.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@themosbyfoundation.org)

## REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### Arizona

#### **Southern Arizona Veterinary Medical Association – (520) 325-0311**

[www.savma.net/index.htm](http://www.savma.net/index.htm)

The Southern Arizona Veterinary Medical Association may be able to help with vet bills. Call 520-325-0311 to request an application or to get more information.

### California

#### **Labrador Harbor**

[www.labradorharbor.org/guidelines.html](http://www.labradorharbor.org/guidelines.html)

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

Labrador Harbor is committed to providing assistance to Labrador Retrievers of all ages, in permanent homes or within a California based non-profit rescue organization. We strongly believe that all Labs, regardless of age, deserve to live quality lives with people who love them. Labrador Harbor may assist with funding medical intervention, as well as training or other special care that may be necessary to enhance quality of life.

### California

#### **Actors and Others for Animals - (818) 897-8760**

[www.actorsandothers.com/emergencyhelp.html](http://www.actorsandothers.com/emergencyhelp.html)

Actors and Others for Animals is a Southern California community based organization serving the greater Los Angeles area and surrounding counties. If you live outside of this region, we regrettably are unable to help you with emergency medical assistance for your pet. Please consult your local listings.

### California

#### **The San Francisco SPCA Animal Hospital – (415) 554-3030**

[www.sfspca.org/veterinary-hospital/financing-options.html](http://www.sfspca.org/veterinary-hospital/financing-options.html)

Comprehensive assistance programs help to provide spay/neuter surgeries for shelter animals, feral cats and pets of low-income San Francisco residents. Our medical care assistance covers acutely ill or seriously injured animals in our shelter as well as to animals who have homes but whose guardians require financial assistance. Please call our Client Service Representatives at 415.554.3030 to discuss your eligibility for financial assistance. Available for San Francisco residents.

### California

#### **Peninsula Catworks - (650) 329-9570**

[www.peninsulacatworks.org/index.php](http://www.peninsulacatworks.org/index.php)

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

Peninsula CatWorks is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and placement of cats and kittens in need. Our services include medical care to cats or kittens in urgent need of care

## **Colorado**

**Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital – (303) 722-5800 ext 525**

[www.hmah.org/pageinpage/qualified\\_clients.cfm](http://www.hmah.org/pageinpage/qualified_clients.cfm)

All Treatment clients (excluding Spay and Neuter), other than veterinary referrals, must go through a qualification process to receive care for their pets at Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital. This takes place over the phone to determine your level of financial capacity. Please be prepared to answer personal questions and have the following information ready when calling one of our Client Specialists.

## **Connecticut**

**Connecticut Humane Society – Fox Veterinary Clinic – (860) 594-4503**

[www.cthumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=About\\_Fox](http://www.cthumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=About_Fox)

The Fox Memorial Clinic is a full service veterinary practice which provides veterinary care for animals whose owners are in financial need. Fox Memorial provides veterinary services on a fee-for-service basis to the public.

## **Georgia**

**Pets are Loving Support assists - (404) 876-7257**

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

Email: [palsatlanta@palsatlanta.org](mailto:palsatlanta@palsatlanta.org)

P.A.L.S., a Non Profit 501 (c)(3) organization, provides pet care including free deliveries of food and supplies, basic veterinary care and transportation, foster care, referrals, and information and support to companion pets of senior citizens, the disabled, and the critically ill. Many of our clients face their struggles without family assistance, their only companion being their trusted pet. Many have chronic diseases such as AIDS and Cancer, and some are simply too old to care for their pets.

## **Georgia**

**Save-A-Life, Inc.**

[www.savealifepets.org/index.html](http://www.savealifepets.org/index.html)

Email: [CONTACT@SaveALifePets.org](mailto:CONTACT@SaveALifePets.org)

Save-A-Life also provides foster care, necessary medical treatment for foster animals, and a placement assistance program to help members of the public place their companion animals. On occasion, medical assistance is provided to those individuals who could not otherwise afford to care for their pets.

## **Maryland**

**Washington Animal Rescue League – (202) 726-CARE (2273)**

[www.warl.org](http://www.warl.org)

The League's full-service Medical Center has been enlarged and renovated, too. It still provides affordable veterinary care for shelter animals and the pets of low-income guardians.



## **Massachusetts**

### **The Travis Fund**

[www.tufts.edu/vet/giving/](http://www.tufts.edu/vet/giving/)

The Travis Fund was established in memory of Dr. Stanley O. Travis, a widely respected and beloved veterinarian. The fund provides financial assistance for the care of found animals and helps responsible owners cover the cost of unanticipated veterinary care. The fund is managed by the hospital administrator, with grants made at the recommendation of the animal's Tufts veterinarian.

## **Massachusetts**

### **Alliance for Animals Metro Action Clinic - (617) 268 - 7800**

[www.afaboston.org/clinic.htm](http://www.afaboston.org/clinic.htm)

At our Metro Action Clinic in South Boston, MA, Alliance for Animals provides low-cost spay/neuter and other veterinary services for both cats and dogs.

## **Massachusetts**

### **Massachusetts SPCA**

[www.mspca.org](http://www.mspca.org)

Angell Animal Medical Center-Boston offers financial assistance through MSPCA's Pet Care Assistance. Pet Care Assistance (PCA) was established in 1990 to support the medical care of sick or injured animals being treated at the MSPCA-Angell whose families have limited financial resources. The fund also defrays the cost of treating animals that are victims of cruelty and abuse. In 2006, the fund distributed over \$363,000 to support the treatment of thousands of animals. Annual contributions, special events, and endowment income sustain the fund. For more information, contact Kathleen Santry at (617) 541-5075 or email [ksantry@mspca.org](mailto:ksantry@mspca.org). If you would like to apply for financial assistance, please contact our Financial Office at (617) 541-5028 or 5030. Please note: Pet Care Assistance benefits patients and clients treated at the MSPCA-Angell only.

## **Michigan**

### **Michigan Humane Society - (313) 872-0004**

[www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org)

The Michigan Humane Society operates three veterinary centers in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland with over 60,000 client visits each year. Our highly-skilled veterinary staff provides a full range of services for companion animals already living in homes as well as for the animals at our three adoption centers.

## **New Jersey**

**Save U.S. Pets Foundation - (908) 222-9980**

[www.saveuspets.org/](http://www.saveuspets.org/)

Email: [lifesavingcare@saveuspets.org](mailto:lifesavingcare@saveuspets.org)

The Save U.S. Pets Foundation, based in New Jersey, is dedicated to providing financial assistance for pets to receive lifesaving medical treatments when their human companions are unable to afford professional care. Through a participating veterinarian, pet owners whose circumstances meet the Foundation's criteria are eligible for a grant enabling their pets to receive desperately needed medical help. A New Jersey based foundation veterinarian must apply for a grant to provide financial assistance to a client with a pet that needs lifesaving medical care.

## **New York**

**New York SAVE**

[www.nysave.org](http://www.nysave.org)

NY S.A.V.E, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to the aid and assistance of low-income pet owners residing in one of the five boroughs of New York City, whose pet is in need of emergency veterinary care.

## **New York**

**All4Pets – serving Western NY residents – (585) 424-1144**

[www.all4petswny.org](http://www.all4petswny.org)

Email: [avisann@wzrd.com](mailto:avisann@wzrd.com) or [LMSozio@gmail.com](mailto:LMSozio@gmail.com)

To provide a one-time grant of money to pay for medical care for pets whose caring, responsible owners are not able to pay for the care that will bring their pet back to health due to low income, personal crisis or disaster. Payments will be made directly to the medical care provider.

## **North Carolina**

**Ashley's Angel Fund**

[www.ashleyfund.org](http://www.ashleyfund.org)

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

Ashley's Angel Fund Inc. is a nonprofit organization providing monetary assistance for veterinary care to dog owners whose pet is facing a life-threatening condition. By providing financial assistance in time of critical need, Ashley's Angel Fund seeks to perpetuate the bond that exists between people and their pets. Ashley's Angel Fund is home to the Zach Memorial Fund, specifically for dogs with cancer, and the Ashley Fund for non-cancer cases.

## Oregon

### The Bearen Foundation

[www.bearenfoundation.org/funding.htm](http://www.bearenfoundation.org/funding.htm)

Email: [helpingpets@bearenfoundation.org](mailto:helpingpets@bearenfoundation.org)

We offer financial assistance to Lane County vet offices for qualified individuals who face veterinary expenses beyond their means.

## Ohio

### Good Sam Fund – (614) 846-5800

[www.medvetfoundation.org/index.asp](http://www.medvetfoundation.org/index.asp)

Email: [mwyman1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mwyman1@columbus.rr.com)

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## Pennsylvania

### Animal Care and Welfare (Pittsburgh, PA)

[www.animalcareandwelfare.com/](http://www.animalcareandwelfare.com/)

Email: [mail@animalcareandwelfare.com](mailto:mail@animalcareandwelfare.com)

Through donations received from members and the public, Animal Care and Welfare, Inc. helps low-income animal guardians obtain medical care for their sick or injured pets and also promotes spaying and neutering through education and financial support. Our Board members also rescue, foster, and adopt homeless pets.

## Pennsylvania

### Animal Care and Assistance Fund – (412) 348-2588

[www.animalcareandassistancefund.org/](http://www.animalcareandassistancefund.org/)

Email: [INFO@ANIMALCAREFUND.ORG](mailto:INFO@ANIMALCAREFUND.ORG)

Animal Care and Assistance (ACAF) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to promoting the health interests and welfare of animals and is the benevolent extension of the Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center (PVSEC).

## Pennsylvania

### The Animal Rescue of Western PA – (412) 661.6452 x223 or x 211

[www.animalrescue.org/Clinic.htm](http://www.animalrescue.org/Clinic.htm)

Email: [clinic@animalrescue.org](mailto:clinic@animalrescue.org)

The Animal Rescue League operates a low cost outpatient animal clinic for domestic dogs and cats.

## **Pennsylvania**

### **The Humane Society of Berks County Veterinary Hospital – (610) 921-2348**

[www.berkshumane.org/vets/vets\\_services.asp](http://www.berkshumane.org/vets/vets_services.asp)

Email: [hsbc@berkshumane.org](mailto:hsbc@berkshumane.org)

The Veterinary Hospital of the Humane Society of Berks County provides the best care by the best vets. Our goal is to provide every pet owner with access to top quality vet care for their pets. For the average pet owner, that means great care at average market rates and the satisfaction of knowing that the money you are spending on your pet's health care will be going to helping homeless, abused, and injured pets that would not be cared for without the Humane Society. Those requiring a little extra help may choose to pre-apply for our sliding scale rates\* based on financial need.

## **Rhode Island**

### **RIVMA Companion Animal Foundation – (401) 521-PETS**

[www.companionanimalfoundation.org](http://www.companionanimalfoundation.org)

Email: [contact@companionanimalfoundation.org](mailto:contact@companionanimalfoundation.org)

Pet owners must be residents of Rhode Island and income-eligible to receive CAF assistance and apply for assistance through their veterinarian. The Foundation has established a set of criteria, which allows participating veterinarians to determine whether a client is able to benefit from the fund.

## **Texas**

### **Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine – (979) 845-9026**

<http://www.cvm.tamu.edu/capperchris/index.shtml>

The Capper & Chris Save the Animals Fund wishes to help families in need with beloved family pets; especially those pets that would be euthanized rather than be helped when cost incurred would be impossible or a real hardship on a family. The Fund may contribute up to 50% of the total cost, with a maximum of \$1000 per case. The animal must also have a treatable disease or injury.

## **Washington DC**

### **PETS-DC**

[www.petsdc.org/](http://www.petsdc.org/)

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

PETS-DC is dedicated to improving the health and well being of people living with HIV/AIDS or other disabling conditions and their companion pets at no cost to individuals in the Metropolitan Washington area.

## **Canada**

### **Animal Cancer Therapy Subsidization Society – (780) 732-3522 – Canada**

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

Email: [secretary@actssalberta.org](mailto:secretary@actssalberta.org)

The Animal Cancer Therapy Subsidization Society is a registered charity in Alberta, Canada that is devoted to making cancer treatment for pets a reality. The Lucky Moffat Memorial Fund (in loving memory of a very special dog), was developed by ACTSS to insure that all pets, can receive cancer therapies, regardless of their owner's income.

## **Canada**

### **The Farley Foundation (Ontario)**

[www.farleyfoundation.org/](http://www.farleyfoundation.org/)

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

Pet owners who are concerned about the health of their pets or who are looking for assistance are requested to speak with their regular veterinarian. Pet owners cannot apply directly for Farley Foundation funding. All applications are made by veterinarians on behalf of pet owners. Pet owners will not receive any assistance through the Farley Foundation office. The Farley Foundation cannot recommend a veterinarian, nor discuss funding applications with pet owners.

## **United Kingdom**

### **UK Assistance with Veterinary Bills**

[www.petloveronline.co.uk/financial.htm](http://www.petloveronline.co.uk/financial.htm)

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## Organizations Offering Assistance Programs For Senior, Disabled or Ill Pet Owners

If you do not see an organization for your local area contact your local Humane Society or Animal Shelter as many of these have special programs to assist seniors and people with serious illness or disability. You can also check the CDC Healthy Pets website - [www.cdc.gov/healthypets/resources/local\\_organizations.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/resources/local_organizations.htm)

### CALIFORNIA

#### **Voice for the Animals Foundation, Helping Friends Program – (310) 392-5153**

[www.vftafoundation.org](http://www.vftafoundation.org)

The Helping Friends Program gives seniors, people with disabilities, terminal illnesses, and individuals on fixed incomes the extra support they need to care for their animals, who often are their only companions. Our deepest appreciation goes to the individual donors whose generous support makes this program possible. If you need assistance from the Helping Friends program call our Hotline at 310-392-5153.

#### **AniMeals Helen Woodward Animal Center,**

[www.animalcenter.org/animeals/](http://www.animalcenter.org/animeals/)

Our popular AniMeals program offers free pet food for the dogs and cats of elderly or disabled people throughout San Diego County. AniMeals helps keep people and their companion pets together by removing logistical and financial obstacles to ensure that clients will always be able to provide nutritious meals for their beloved pets.

#### **The San Francisco SPCA Animal Hospital – (415) 554-3030**

[www.sfspca.org/veterinary-hospital/financing-options.html](http://www.sfspca.org/veterinary-hospital/financing-options.html)

Comprehensive assistance programs help to provide spay/neuter surgeries for shelter animals, feral cats and pets of low-income San Francisco residents. Our medical care assistance covers acutely ill or seriously injured animals in our shelter as well as to animals who have homes but whose guardians require financial assistance. Please call our Client Service Representatives at 415.554.3030 to discuss your eligibility for financial assistance. Available for San Francisco residents.

#### **SHARE Marin Humane Society - (415) 883-4621**

[www.marinhumanesociety.org/ProgramsServices/SHARE.html](http://www.marinhumanesociety.org/ProgramsServices/SHARE.html)

The **Side-by-Side** program is the largest part of SHARE and is currently assisting 220 clients with 150 dogs, 196 cats and 38 birds. Side-by-Side matches financial support, volunteer efforts and donated services with qualified pet guardians in need. Assistance is offered in the form of pet food, veterinary care, grooming, regular visits to clients by volunteers, transportation to the veterinarian or groomer, walking dogs, maintaining litter boxes, and emergency boarding of pets in the event of clients' hospitalizations. Networking with other service organizations in the county is vital to coordinating assistance to the growing number of older adults in Marin. There are 90 volunteers working in the Side-by-Side program.

**PAWS San Diego – (619) 297-PAWS (7297)**

[www.pawssdc.org](http://www.pawssdc.org)

Email: [paws.ed@pawssdc.org](mailto:paws.ed@pawssdc.org)

PAWS clients and their companion animals receive free pet food, cat litter and other supplies. Clients participating in the PAWS Program receive discounts and limited financial assistance for veterinary services. PAWS clients receive food and cat litter delivery, dog walking and litter box cleaning. Clients receive assistance with transportation of their companion animals to and from veterinarian and grooming appointments. Clients receive assistance with transportation of their companion animals to and from veterinarian and grooming appointments.

**PALS - Pets Are Loving Support (707) 887-2729**

[www.sonic.net/~pals/mission/mission.html](http://www.sonic.net/~pals/mission/mission.html)

Email: [pals@sonic.net](mailto:pals@sonic.net)

Pets Are Loving Support is a non-profit agency organized to improve the quality of life of people with AIDS by preserving and promoting the human/animal bond through the care and maintenance of their animal companions

**PAWS Los Angeles – (323) 464-7297**

[www.pawsla.org](http://www.pawsla.org)

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

Over the course of 20 years, PAWS/LA has continued to expand its scope to include as many disenfranchised animal guardians as our resources can afford. From 1989 when we assisted people living with HIV/AIDS to 2000 when we opened our doors to people struggling with other life-threatening illness to 2005 when we welcomed low-income seniors and their animals, we have been dedicated to preserving the benefits of animal companionship for those who need our help.

**PAWS San Francisco – (415) 979-9550 ext. 302**

[www.pawssf.org](http://www.pawssf.org)

Email: [info@pawssf.org](mailto:info@pawssf.org) – attn: Tara Whitefield

PAWS provides comprehensive pet-related services to support to over 750 clients who are maintaining the guardianship and the love of more than 900+ companion animals. PAWS serves low-income San Francisco residents with disabling illnesses and seniors 65 and older.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**PETS-DC**

[www.petsdc.org/](http://www.petsdc.org/)

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

PETS-DC is dedicated to improving the health and well being of people living with HIV/AIDS or other disabling conditions and their companion pets at no cost to individuals in the Metropolitan Washington area.

## **GEORGIA**

**Pets are Loving Support assists - (404) 876-7257**

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

Email: [palsatlanta@palsatlanta.org](mailto:palsatlanta@palsatlanta.org)

P.A.L.S., a Non Profit 501 (c)(3) organization, provides pet care including free deliveries of food and supplies, basic veterinary care and transportation, foster care, referrals, and information and support to companion pets of senior citizens, the disabled, and the critically ill. Many of our clients face their struggles without family assistance, their only companion being their trusted pet. Many have chronic diseases such as AIDS and Cancer, and some are simply too old to care for their pets.

## **HAWAII**

**Hawaiian Humane Society: PALS Program – (808) 946-2187, ext. 217**

[www.hawaiianhumane.org/programs/pals/](http://www.hawaiianhumane.org/programs/pals/)

When caring for a pet becomes difficult because of a person's illness or an emergency situation, Pals volunteers help by providing temporary pet care. Care can include feeding, grooming, dog walking, litter box and small cage cleaning and rides to the veterinarian. Pals services are available to the elderly, those temporarily hospitalized, the disabled and victims of domestic violence. Services are provided in your home or a foster care home by Humane Society volunteers free of charge. Food and veterinary expenses are the responsibility of the pet owner. Services are dependent on the availability of volunteers.

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

**Phinney's Friends (MSPCA) – (617) 524-5656**

[www.mspca.org/site/PageServer?pagename=advo\\_Phinney\\_Friends\\_How\\_Client1](http://www.mspca.org/site/PageServer?pagename=advo_Phinney_Friends_How_Client1)

Email: [Lhagen@mspca.org](mailto:Lhagen@mspca.org)

There are three main criteria that have to be met in order for one to become a Phinney's Friends client: A person has to carry a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS; A person has to demonstrate financial need for support from the Phinney's Friends program (i.e. by providing a copy of one's SSI or SSDI income statement); A person's pet(s) must be spayed or neutered. (Documentation is required for all 3 criteria) If you are interested in becoming client and meet all the 3 main criteria, please contact us. We will need to complete paperwork on you and your pet. Typically a home visit is conducted, giving the client and pet the opportunity to meet the staff and vice versa.

## **MICHIGAN**

**Pet Support Services – (517) 267-9299**

[www.petsupportmi.org](http://www.petsupportmi.org)

Email: [petsupportmi@aol.com](mailto:petsupportmi@aol.com)

For seniors and people with a serious illness or disability, caring for a pet can be difficult. Many must face giving up their pet, just when love and companionship are needed most.

**Pet Support Services** helps senior citizens and people with special needs living in the Lansing, Michigan area to keep and care for their companion and service animals.



## **NEVADA**

**Shakespeare Animal Fund – (775) 342-7040**

[www.shakespeareanimalfund.org/](http://www.shakespeareanimalfund.org/)

Email: [theshakefund@aol.com](mailto: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

## **NEW JERSEY**

**PetPALS of Southern New Jersey – (856) 931-4399**

[www.petfinder.com/shelters/NJ151.html](http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/NJ151.html)

The PetPALS Mission... PetPALS recognizes the importance of pets in the lives of many individuals, especially those faced with a serious illness. We strive to ensure animal companionship for as long as practically possible. Services offered to clients include home pet care and exercise, provision of pet supplies and food, free or subsidized veterinary care, short-term foster care, and permanent adoption. We further seek to educate the public about the benefits of animal companionship and responsible pet guardianship.

PetPALS of Southern New Jersey is a non-profit New Jersey corporation organized to provide services to the animal companions of people living with terminal, chronic or debilitating illness, or financially needy senior citizens. PetPALS' services are limited based on established policies, including a geographic limitation restricting services to Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Salem counties.

## **NEW YORK**

**Humane Society of Lollypop Farm – (585) 23-1330 x251**

[www.lollypop.org](http://www.lollypop.org)

Email: [cwalker@lollypop.org](mailto:cwalker@lollypop.org)

Senior Citizen Pet Assistance provides financial assistance to seniors on fixed incomes who wish to continue living at home with a pet who is often their sole companion. A Pet Food Bank is maintained and can provide food on an emergency basis. For more information about this program, contact Craig Walker.

## **TEXAS**

**SPCA of Texas – (214) 461-1812**

[www.sPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=programs\\_socialservices\\_2004#petomeals](http://www.sPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=programs_socialservices_2004#petomeals)

Email: [egarcia@spca.org](mailto:egarcia@spca.org)

The Pet-O-Meals program provides free pet food to area organizations to assist their clients who are homebound, elderly or individuals on disability.

## **UTAH**

### **Pet Samaritan Fund**

[www.petsamaritan.org](http://www.petsamaritan.org)

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

Financial assistance to Utah pet owners who cannot afford medical care for their pets due to extreme financial hardship (up to \$100 upon receipt of veterinary billing statement)

## **WASHINGTON**

### **Pet Project: Seattle-King County Humane Society - (425) 649-7566**

[www.seattlehumane.org/services/services/lowincome-senior](http://www.seattlehumane.org/services/services/lowincome-senior)

Email: [petfoodbank@seattlehumane.org](mailto:petfoodbank@seattlehumane.org)

The Seattle Humane Society provides services that help maintain the lifelong commitment of people and pets to qualified citizens in King County. Low-income senior citizens can receive a supplemental supply of pet food. People disabled by AIDS can receive pet food, supplies, grooming and veterinary care.

Washington State University

### **College of Veterinary Medicine Good Samaritan Fund – (509) 335-5021**

[www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-prd/GoodSam](http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-prd/GoodSam)

Email: [lhaley@vetmed.wsu.edu](mailto:lhaley@vetmed.wsu.edu)

To be eligible for financial support through the Good Samaritan fund:

Patients eligible for support will be common companion animal species. Such patients will have a need for life saving procedures and a reasonable prognosis for good long-term recovery.

Patients will be either ownerless or owned by clients that cannot pay for care due to circumstances beyond the client's control. Animals from animal control agencies, humane societies, and business entities will be considered owned and not eligible for funds.

Patients without an owner must have a temperament that does not prevent future adoption.

## **CANADA**

### **Pet Program (Toronto PWA Foundation) – (416) 506-1400**

[www.pwatoronto.org/what.htm#pets](http://www.pwatoronto.org/what.htm#pets)

Email: [spaddock@pwatoronto.org](mailto:spaddock@pwatoronto.org)

Pets bring joy and comfort to their owners, and can be an especially valuable companion to people living with HIV/AIDS.

The Pet Program offers help to people living with HIV/AIDS who need assistance in caring for their cat or dog. In addition to supplying pet food through the food bank, PWA offers access to yearly checkups, vaccines and neutering or spaying at reduced rates through seven downtown veterinarians. More information about the program can be obtained from the PWA Reception.

## Breed specific

Contact the national club for your breed. In some cases, these clubs offer a veterinary financial assistance fund.

### **Bernese Mountain Dog**

#### **Berner Emergency Health Assistance Fund**

<http://www.behaf.org>

BEHAF has been in existence since 1999. Please, if you have a purebred Berner with health issues, and treatment is being determined by financial constraints, contact us! We're here to help. We won't judge you, we promise! Our goal is purely and simply to make a difference in the lives of Bernese Mountain Dogs.

### **Boston Terrier**

#### **Boston Terrier Rescue Net**

[www.bostonrescue.net](http://www.bostonrescue.net)

Email: [BTRN2000@insight.rr.com](mailto:BTRN2000@insight.rr.com)

Our main objective is to raise money to help Bostons requiring assistance with medical and other expenses which are necessary to restore the rescued Boston to optimal health before placement. We help in the location of adoptive and foster homes for Bostons that have been abandoned, abused and unwanted by their owners, or homeless as a result of owner death or disability. We also assist other recognized Boston Terrier Rescue Groups through our activities.

### **Corgi**

#### **Corgi Aid**

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

Email: [yourfriends@corgiaid.org](mailto:yourfriends@corgiaid.org)

CorgiAid was established to fund the medical expenses of rescue Pembroke and Cardigan corgis and corgi mixes

### **Doberman**

#### **Special Needs Dobermans**

[www.doberman911.org](http://www.doberman911.org)

Email: [info@doberman911.org](mailto:info@doberman911.org)

It is for special needs and senior Dobermans who need medical help. You can donate to help them, or have them put your Dobie up there if you need help too!!

### **Labrador**

#### **Labrador Lifeline**

[www.labradorlifeline.org/](http://www.labradorlifeline.org/)

Email: [questions@labradorlifeline.org](mailto:questions@labradorlifeline.org)

Labrador Life Line, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) Not for Profit Organization created to help owners or rescuers of Labrador Retrievers who are in need of financial assistance.

## **Labrador**

**LabMed: Rx For Rescued Labs – (972) 208-2470**

[www.labmed.org](http://www.labmed.org)

E-mail: [info@labmed.org](mailto:info@labmed.org)

LABMED was founded to provide emergency monies to offset expenses incurred in the medical treatment of abandoned and/or injured Labrador Retrievers in need of rescue.

## **Labrador**

**Labrador Harbor**

[www.labradorharbor.org/guidelines.html](http://www.labradorharbor.org/guidelines.html)

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

Labrador Harbor is committed to providing assistance to Labrador Retrievers of all ages, in permanent homes or within a California based non-profit rescue organization. We strongly believe that all Labs, regardless of age, deserve to live quality lives with people who love them. Labrador Harbor may assist with funding medical intervention, as well as training or other special care that may be necessary to enhance quality of life.

## **Boxer**

**Boxer through Toby's Gift**

[www.boxerrescuefoundation.com/tobygift.htm](http://www.boxerrescuefoundation.com/tobygift.htm)

Email: [weluvmail@boxerrescuefoundation.com](mailto:weluvmail@boxerrescuefoundation.com)

Toby's Gift is a special fund to help Boxers in need. While the main mission of the Boxer Rescue Foundation is to provide financial assistance to Boxer rescue groups to help with the costs of foster care, there are many Boxers that fall through the cracks. They are dearly loved by individuals or families; they come from good homes but their owners find themselves facing huge veterinary bills while in a temporary financial crisis. It can happen to anyone. Toby's Gift will help these Boxers in cases of emergency medical need. Monetary assistance will be determined on a case-by-case basis and will greatly depend on need, veterinarian's prognosis, and financial status of the fund. Funds will be paid directly to the veterinarian.

## **Boxer**

**Boxer American Boxer Rescue Assoc**

[www.americanboxerrescue.org/americanboxer/home/default.asp](http://www.americanboxerrescue.org/americanboxer/home/default.asp)

Email: [BoxersRRescued@aol.com](mailto:BoxersRRescued@aol.com)

The ABRA Boxer ER Fund has been set up for assistance for rescued boxers, from any rescue group. Each application will be assessed individually. These guidelines will be followed to determine if the dog is eligible for assistance through the ABRA Boxer ER Fund. Please see criteria [here](#).

## **Dalmation**

### **Dalmatians - (440) 937-4000**

[www.myjakebrady.com/memorial\\_fund.shtml](http://www.myjakebrady.com/memorial_fund.shtml)

The Jake Brady Memorial Fund is dedicated to providing financial support to companion animals in need for the prevention and treatment of major health ailments. Ensuring the ability to receive quality treatment and provide for the well being of companion animals will always be our primary objective.

## **Golden Retriever**

### **Golden Retrievers (rescued dogs)**

[www.goldstockfund.org/tgf/index.html](http://www.goldstockfund.org/tgf/index.html)

Email: [Info@Goldstockfund.org](mailto:Info@Goldstockfund.org)

General Fund : The fund is for Golden Retrievers and Golden hearted dogs. Primary Focus is medical for non golden retrievers, or golden retrievers that do not fit the criteria of the other funds. This is also the fund for all dogs needing transportation, boarding or behavioral evaluations

GoldenMED: Will consider monetary assistance towards emergency medical expenses for ONLY Golden Retrievers and Golden Retriever mixes, who are abandoned or in need of rescue, and for whom other funding is not available, or is insufficient. No age restrictions.

Sierra Fund: A fund to aid Golden Retrievers and golden hearted dogs in rescue under 5 years of age with suspected forms of cancer.

Helen Redlus Memorial Fund: For senior and special needs Golden. Will consider providing assistance for extraordinary medical expenses for ONLY Golden Retrievers and Golden Retriever mixes who are 8 years of age or older or where the medical needs are extraordinary in a dog of any age.

## **Great Pyrenees**

### **Pyramedic**

[www.angelfire.com/bc2/pyramedic/summary.html](http://www.angelfire.com/bc2/pyramedic/summary.html)

Email: [sharonja@direct.ca](mailto:sharonja@direct.ca)

Often people are unable to afford the necessary medical treatments to sustain a good "quality of life" for their Great Pyrenees when the dog has an unforeseen illness or emergency crisis. Unfortunately, suffering and/or unnecessary death of the dog are the final result. We, at PYRAMEDIC, have dedicated ourselves to the continued health and well-being of the breed and are determined to alleviate such tragedies whenever possible.

## **Pit Bull/Staffordshire Terrier**

### **Pit Bull Rescue Central**

[www.pbrc.net/fund/financial.html](http://www.pbrc.net/fund/financial.html)

Email: [fundcommittee@pbrc.net](mailto:fundcommittee@pbrc.net)

Do you have a Pit Bull or Pit Bull mix in need? Whether you are a rescuer, foster home, shelter or Pit Bull owner, we may be able to help.

## **Scotties and Westies**

### **Dougals Fund**

[www.welcome.to/dougalsfund](http://www.welcome.to/dougalsfund)

Email: [mcgeeolc@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcgeeolc@bellsouth.net)

Dougal's Fund, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable purposes to provide funds for medical care of pets, mainly small, short legged terriers such as Scotties, Westies, Cairns, Norwich, Norfolk, etc., in alleviation of the pet's pain and suffering when financial need has been demonstrated. Dougal's normally determines financial need as that instance where professional medical care will not be provided due to the inability of the pet's guardian/s to pay for the services.

## **Westies/West Highland White Terrier**

### **Westie Med – (877) 853-9469**

[www.westiemed.org/](http://www.westiemed.org/)

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

Applying for financial assistance from WESTIEMED is a simple process, but we regret that not all applicants, dogs, or medical conditions will meet our funding criteria. To determine whether your Westie is eligible for financial assistance through WESTIEMED, please click [here](#).

## Do Your Own Fundraising

Have a garage sale or sell all that stuff you no longer need at EBay or Craig's List

Start a fundraising campaign at [www.fundable.com](http://www.fundable.com)

Online fundraising doesn't have to be hard. Whether you're raising money from hundreds of supporters or just friends and family, Fundable lets you fundraise quickly and effectively. Need to do a fundraiser for something big like an independent film or an unexpected vet bill?

Ask your veterinarian! Many clinics maintain a fund through which they help clients in need of financial assistance for their dog's medical care.

Barter services or goods. Read about bartering, check out several of the bartering organizations and do your homework first. A few links are provided to get you started.

- [Web Barterers' Tricks of the Trade – Wall Street Journal](#)
- [Save Money by Bartering: Understanding the Bartering System and How it Works](#)
- [BarterYourServices.com](http://BarterYourServices.com)
- [Barterbucks.us](http://Barterbucks.us)
- [Barterquest.com](http://Barterquest.com)

Borrow money from friends or relatives