

Financial Assistance Programs



This list compiles information on organizations that offer financial assistance for veterinary care. Some may limit eligibility depending on location, income, breed, cost, or specific medical care. Descriptions of services are provided based on available information – we encourage you to contact these organizations directly to determine if your situation qualifies for assistance.

Washington State Financial Aid Programs

1. **Seattle Humane** - <https://www.seattlehumane.org/services/financial-assistance>
Multiple funds available with different requirements and eligibility guidelines.
2. **The Rainier Animal Fund** - <https://rainieranimalfund.org/who-we-help/>
Medical grants available to assist with individual veterinary care on a case-by-case basis. Qualifying applicants may be low income, seniors, disabled individuals, or people at risk of abuse and entering a shelter.
3. **Four Paws Lifeline** - <https://www.fourpawslifeline.org/>
Provides financial assistance to pet owners that are unable to afford critical care or emergency veterinary care for their pets.
4. **The Budkis Fund** - <http://www.budkisfund.com/>
Assists low-income seniors and their pets in certain cities within the Puget Sound area by providing monetary assistance for emergency veterinary care.
5. **People For Animal Care and Kindness** - <https://www.packgives.org/>
Provides funds for veterinary care to animals in need.
6. **The Good Samaritan Fund** - <https://hospital.vetmed.wsu.edu/billing-and-payment-options/>
This fund is used to provide treatment through Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine to assist clients that cannot pay for care due to circumstances beyond their control.
7. **AVHS Public Veterinary Assistance Fund** - <https://auburnvalleyhs.org/support-for-pet-owners/>
Provides one-time financial assistance up to \$500, to income-qualified residents in the city of Auburn.
8. **Concern for Animals** - <https://www.concernforanimals.org/veterinary-cost-assistance>
Provides vouchers to help low-income and other qualifying residents of Thurston, Mason, or Lewis County pay for non-routine and emergency veterinary care.
9. **Nick's Crisis Care Program** - <https://waifanimals.org/programs/nccp/>
Whidbey Animals' Improvement Foundation provides financial assistance for emergency medical care to income qualified residents of Whidbey Island.
10. **PAWS of Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap** - <https://pawsbink.org/services/veterinary-assistance/>
Provides low-income families with emergency financial aid for veterinary expenses.
11. **Pet Helpers Port Townsend** - <https://pethelpersporttownsend.org/>
Provides funding and access to veterinary care for pets homeless and/or underfunded people living in Jefferson and Clallam counties.
12. **Washington State Animal Health Foundation: Vets Helping Pets** – <https://wsahf.org/vets-helping-pets/>
Provides one-time emergency funding to low-income families for surgical or medical intervention for animals with a good to excellent prognosis.

National Financial Aid Programs

1. **The Brown Dog Foundation** - <https://www.browndogfoundation.org/copy-of-prequal-survey2>
Helps to bridge funding gaps when families have a sick pet that is likely to respond to treatment, but are unable to afford care.
2. **Diabetic Cats In Need** - <http://dcin.info/assistance-programs/>
Their Compassionate Assistance Program provides ongoing assistance with insulin, testing supplies, and limited veterinary care for low-income families. Their One-Time Assistance Program provides a testing kit and a limited supply of insulin for families that do not qualify for low-income assistance.

3. **Frankie's Friends** - <https://www.frankiesfriends.org/national-frankies-friends-fund>
Provides financial assistance grants to family-owned pets in need of lifesaving emergency or specialty veterinary care whose caregivers cannot afford the full cost of treatment.
4. **The Guinness Dunn Foundation** - <https://www.theguinnessdunnfoundation.com/grant-programs/mobility-carts>
Provides new or reconditioned wheelchairs to pets in need.
5. **The Handicapped Pets Foundation** - <https://hpets.org/>
Donates wheelchairs to pets in need.
6. **Live Like Roo** - <https://www.livelikeroo.org/>
Provides support and financial assistance to families whose pets are diagnosed with cancer.
7. **The Mosby Foundation** - <https://www.themosbyfoundation.org/>
Provides financial assistance for dogs in need of critical care.
8. **The Onyx & Breezy Foundation** - <http://www.onyxandbreezy.org/>
Provides funding to support individuals facing medical hardship, dogs of veterans suffering from PTSD, food, medicine, supplies, and more.
9. **Paws 4 a Cure** - <http://www.paws4acure.org/>
Provides financial assistance throughout the United States to those who cannot afford veterinary care.
10. **Pet Assistance Inc.** - <https://www.petassistanceinc.org/financialaid>
Provides financial assistance for urgent or life-threatening emergencies.
11. **The Pet Fund** - <https://thepetfund.com/>
Provides financial assistance to owners of domestic animals in the United States who need veterinary care.
12. **The Pet Lifeline Program** - <https://petnewsdaily.com/financial-assistance/>
Provides one-time financial assistance non-urgent, non-basic medical care, such as cancer treatment, heart disease, chronic conditions, endocrine diseases, diabetes, eye diseases, IBD, etc.
13. **Pets of the Homeless** - <https://petsofthehomeless.org/get-help/>
Provides access to emergency veterinary care to people that are currently homeless, as well as veterans that are participating in the HUD-VASH program, and in VA treatment programs.
14. **RedRover Relief** - <https://redrover.org/relief/urgent-care-grants/>
Provides financial assistance, resources, and emotional support to pet guardians struggling with economic hardship when pets are in life-threatening situations.
15. **STARelief & Pet Assistance** - <https://starelief.org/>
Provides grants of \$100-\$500 for those seeking assistance with emergency medical care, spay/neuter, routine medical care, end-of-life services, or emergency boarding.
16. **Banfield/VCA HOPE Funds** - <https://www.banfieldfoundation.org/Banfield-Foundation-Grant-Programs>
Financial assistance for income-qualified pet owners whose pet is suffering from an immediately life-threatening condition.
17. **Dogs on Deployment** - <https://www.dogsondeployment.org/veterinary-assistance-program/>
Provides financial assistance for military pet owners facing financial hardship due to an emergency or critical veterinary need.
18. **Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program** - <https://www.fveap.org/>
Provides emergency financial assistance to cat and kitten guardians unable to afford veterinary services for their companions with Vaccine Associated Sarcoma.
19. **Bowwow Buddies Foundation** - <https://www.bowwowbuddies.com/>
Funding for urgent medical care and aiding with veterinary bills for serious conditions.
20. **Beau's Army** - <http://www.beausarmy.org/>
Provides veterinary care assistance, emotional support, and other resources for families of dogs who are battling cancer.

Other Financial Options

Grant funding may not always be available, and there is a possibility that your pet's condition or situation may not qualify for the programs listed above. But there may be other options to help you cover the cost of your pet's medical expenses.

Credit and Financing may allow you to get the medical care your pet needs now, and schedule payments to a third party later. Below are a few financing options, and you can use these tools to find a veterinary clinic that would accept a payment plan through these lenders:

Care Credit - <https://www.carecredit.com/vetmed/#locations>
Vet Billing - <https://vetbilling.com/participating-veterinarians/>
Scratch Pay - <https://scratchpay.com/practices/search>
United Medical Credit - <https://www.unitedcredit.com/loans/vet-pet-care/>

Pet Insurance is a lot like our own health insurance, but specifically for our pets. Most pet insurance plans won't cover pre-existing conditions, so this may not be an option to cover veterinary fees that you've already incurred. But you can plan ahead for future medical care. Below are a few options for pet insurance. Be sure to shop around and compare policies to ensure your pet receives the coverage they need:

Pet Place – https://www.petplace.com/insurance/	Pet Assure - https://www.petassure.com/
ASPCA - https://www.aspcapetinsurance.com/	MetLife - https://www.metlifepetinsurance.com/
Embrace - https://www.embracepetinsurance.com/	Fetch - https://www.fetchpet.com/
Healthy Paws - https://www.healthypawspetinsurance.com/	PetsBest - https://www.petsbest.com/
Nationwide - https://www.petinsurance.com/	Trupanion - https://trupanion.com/

Compare pet health insurance policy options on Pawlicy Advisor - <https://www.pawlicy.com/>

Crowdfunding is a way for pet owners to create and share their own online fundraising campaigns to collect the money they need from generous donors to provide veterinary care.

Waggle (<https://waggle.org/>) is a crowdfunding site that is dedicated to raising money specifically for veterinary care. Waggle may have matching funds available for some cases. 100% of donations received go towards patient care.

The following sites can also be used by individuals to raise funds for veterinary care, but they may have fees associated when making a donation or collecting funds, and some may have minimum funding requirements:

Gofundme - <https://www.gofundme.com/>
FundRazr - <https://fundrazr.com/pages/personal>
Fundly - <https://fundly.com/>