

# Financial Aid for Pets

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<b>Organization and Contact Info:</b>	<b>Animal Save; <a href="http://www.animalsave.org">www.animalsave.org</a></b> P.O. Box 817 Grass Valley, CA 95945-0817 1-530-271-7071 1-530-271-7071 ext. 204 (Debra Sandler, Program Director)
Who is eligible?	Families in Nevada County with animals who are spayed or neutered.
What are the pet food limits?	The food is not provided to be the sole source of food for the animal.
What is covered?	A portion of the food for eligible animals. Exact amount undisclosed.
What is the application process?	Applicant must call 1-530-271-7071 for more information.
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when is the available?	Undisclosed
<b>Organization and Contact Info:</b>	<b>SPCA for Monterey County; <a href="http://www.spcamc.org">www.spcamc.org</a></b> 1002 Highway 68 P.O. Box 3058 Monterey, CA 93942 1-831-373-2631 (Monterey) 1-831-422-4721 (Salinas) <a href="mailto:info@spcamc.org">info@spcamc.org</a> ("SPCA Pet Food Bank" in the subject line)
Who is eligible?	Pet owners who are faced with giving up their pets because they can no longer afford to feed them.
What are the pet food limits?	Pet food is distributed on a first-come first-served basis.
What is covered?	Pet food
What is the application process?	Must call or e-mail the organization for more information.
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when is the food available?	Undisclosed
<b>Organization and Contact Info:</b>	<b>Santa Cruz SPCA ; <a href="http://www.santacruzspca.org/foodbank.html">www.santacruzspca.org/foodbank.html</a></b> 2685 Chanticleer Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95065 (Physical Address) Santa Cruz SPCA P.O. Box 3800 Santa Cruz, CA 95063 (Mailing Address) <a href="mailto:director@santacruzspca.org">director@santacruzspca.org</a> (Executive Director)
Who is eligible?	Economically challenged and senior pet owners
What are the pet food limits?	Undisclosed

What is covered?	Pet food
What is the application process?	Not applicable. Individual must stop by on Fridays between 4:00-6:00 PM to obtain food.
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when is food available?	Fridays between 4:00-6:00 PM.
<b>Organization and Contact Info:</b>	<b>Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation;</b> <a href="http://www.arf.net">www.arf.net</a> 2890 Mitchell Drive. Walnut Creek, CA 1-925-256-1ARF <a href="mailto:info@arf.net">info@arf.net</a>
Who is eligible?	Low income residents and responsible feral guardians of Contra Costa County, California who have spayed and neutered their animals. Guardian and pet/s must reside in Contra Costa County, California. Pets must be spayed and/or neutered (certificate required). Proof of household income and photograph identification.
What are the pet food limits?	Undisclosed
What is covered?	Pet food
What is the application process?	Qualified applicants must call 1-925-256-1273 ext. 463
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when is food available?	Undisclosed
<b>Organization and Contact Info:</b>	<b>United Animal Nations "Lifeline Grants";</b> <a href="http://www.uan.org/">http://www.uan.org/</a> United Animal Nations P.O. Box 188890 Sacramento, CA 95818 1-916-429-2457 <a href="mailto:info@uan.org">info@uan.org</a>
Who is eligible?	<i>The applicant (person/family applying for a grant) must:</i> Live in the United States. Have a plan for how the animal's needs can be met. For example, a written estimate from a specific boarding kennel, veterinary clinic or transportation company. For the safety of the client, domestic violence situations must be submitted by a domestic violence shelter representative on behalf of the client. To find a shelter near you, call the national domestic violence hotline at (800) 799-SAFE or click here. If approved, the applicant must provide photos and updates.

	<p><i>The animal(s) must:</i></p> <p>Be spayed/neutered (grant may include spay/neuter costs).</p> <p>Be a companion animal who was directly injured or displaced by personal, natural or manmade disaster OR</p> <p>Be any animal involved in the rescue and recovery efforts during a natural or manmade disaster (e.g, search and rescue dogs).</p> <p><i>The boarding facility or clinic must:</i></p> <p>Be aware of the disaster affecting the client and the client’s financial need.</p> <p>Provide UAN with a written estimate at UAN’s request.</p> <p>Accept a check from UAN.</p>
What are the funding limits?	Up to \$400
What is covered?	<p>LifeLine Crisis Relief grants may be provided for the following needs:</p> <p>Transportation of the animal to safety</p> <p>Veterinary care to treat injury or illness caused by the disaster</p> <p>Temporary boarding</p>
What is the application process?	<p>Applicant must apply online at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.uan.org/applications/lifeline-crisis-relief-application.cfm?navid=168">http://www.uan.org/applications/lifeline-crisis-relief-application.cfm?navid=168</a>.</p> <p>No applications will be accepted via U.S. mail or fax.</p>
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when are funds awarded?	Grants usually range between \$100 and \$400. Funding decisions are based upon several factors, including: 1) urgency, 2) financial need, 3) available funding and 4) eligibility.
<b>Organization and Website:</b>	<b>IMOM; <a href="http://www.imom.org">www.imom.org</a></b>
Who is eligible?	Pets that are in life-threatening emergencies and need one-time care. IMOM states, “A life threatening emergency exists when it has been confirmed to IMOM, in writing, from a veterinarian that your pet will die or have to be humanely euthanized if care is not provided within 10 days or less.”
What are the funding limits?	IMOM states that two scenarios arise if an application is approved: 1)IMOM may have enough funds available without having to reach out to their community and 2)IMOM may not have enough funds available and they will have to reach out to the community for donations.
What is covered?	It is not guaranteed that all funds will be collected. Individuals must give daily reports to the online community in order to receive funds.
What is the application process?	Must provide four different documents before being given an application: An estimate of costs, Completed Veterinarian Pet

	<p>Information Form, Letter of approval or denial from Care Credit and Proof of household income.</p> <p>Once these are obtained they have to be faxed to 1-630-214-8952 to be considered for an application. It will take up to two days for the committee to decide.</p>
How are payments made?	IMOM will not necessarily be in a position to offer monetary assistance and individuals are encouraged to seek monetary assistance through other organizations as well.
How and when are funds awarded?	Individuals will be contacted by a volunteer with IMOM. Approved cases can raise funds for 30 days in the online community or until the funding needed has been met. Additionally, charitable funds raised for your pet will be set aside for them for up to 60 days following the end of your fundraising privileges.
<b>Organization and Website:</b>	<b>Labrador Life Line; <a href="http://www.labradorlifeline.org">www.labradorlifeline.org</a></b>
Who is eligible?	To qualify, the Lab must be with an individual or family but for valid reasons the family cannot provide help for the dogs condition, the Lab currently or will be placed in rescue situations, or is currently at a shelter with which Labrador Life Line has a current Memorandum of Understanding in force.
What are the funding limits?	<p>Funding amounts differ for rescues and owned dogs.</p> <p>For an owned dog, funding can be up to 75% of the proposed therapy with a maximum funding per case of \$500. Not all cases are approved for maximum funding amount, as each case is evaluated on an individual basis by the entire board of Labrador Life Line.</p> <p>For a dog in rescue, funding can be up to 50% of the proposed therapy with a maximum funding per case of \$250. Not all cases are approved for maximum funding amount, as each case is evaluated on an individual basis by the entire board of Labrador Life Line.</p> <p>All applicants will be responsible for providing assurance that the balance of the medical costs can be paid before funds will be released.</p>
What is covered?	Assistance can be made for eligible Labs with medical treatment, transportation needs, boarding costs, or other special needs that will enable the Lab to find a home or live out its life with its loving family. A procedure or process that will help the quality of life for the Lab. However, Labrador Life Line will not help treat diseases that are genetically based or if the family has already paid a veterinarian for a procedure that they wish to receive help on.
What is the application process?	All applicants must apply for Care Credit ( <a href="http://www.carecredit.com/vetmed">www.carecredit.com/vetmed</a> ) or have proof that they have applied in the past.
How are payments made?	The balance of the medical costs must be met before funds are released. (See information on funding limits).

How and when are funds awarded?	<p>Funding will only be considered when treatment has been done under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The applicant must provide written documentation from the veterinarian that treatment was of an urgent nature (meaning it could not wait for funding to be approved or money otherwise raised to cover the cost without endangering or causing significant discomfort to the lab).</li> <li>- The treating veterinarian does not provide any type of payment plan which can include carrying account balances; partial, monthly or delayed payments; post-dated checks.</li> </ul> <p>If an individual has made payment by credit card, received Care Credit (or similar) on behalf of a rescue organization or individual, a payment plan will be considered in place</p> <p>You will be notified in a timely manner if it is determined that your dog meets our criteria.</p>
<b>Organization and website:</b>	<b>The Pet Fund; <a href="http://www.thepetfund.com">www.thepetfund.com</a></b>
Who is eligible?	Owners of domestic animals who need veterinary care. Emergency situations are NOT funded.
What are the funding limits?	Funding resources are limited, and the Pet Fund makes every effort to use limited funds in the most responsible way.
What is covered?	The Pet Fund assists owners in covering medical costs beyond the normal expenses of vaccination, spay and neuter surgeries, food and routine veterinary care.
What is the application process?	All applicants are required to contact The Pet Fund by phone before applying for funding. The phone number is 1-916-443-6007. Applications can be done only through a computer with a printer unless the individual has a severe disability or cannot leave their home without assistance. These applicants can have applications mailed to them after approval from The Pet Fund. After an individual is approved for eligibility requirements, you must have proof of income (no tax forms accepted), copy of a cost estimate for treatment from the veterinarian, and the name, address, and medical license number for the veterinarian treating your pet.
How are payments made?	The Pet Fund sends the funds directly to the veterinarian after the funds have been approved and the treatment has been scheduled.
How and when are funds awarded?	The application must be approved and treatment scheduled before funds are released to the veterinarian.
<b>Organization and Website:</b>	<b>Good Sam Fund; <a href="http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/epts.-prd/GoodSam/">http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/epts.-prd/GoodSam/</a></b>
Who is eligible?	Patients eligible for financial support through the Good Samaritan Fund will be common companion animal species. Such patients will

	<p>have a need for life saving procedures and a reasonable prognosis for good long-term recovery.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Patients without an owner must have a temperament that does not prevent future adoption.</p>
What are the funding limits?	Undisclosed
What is covered?	Undisclosed
What is the application process?	Undisclosed
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when are funds awarded?	Undisclosed
<b>Organization and Website:</b>	<b>AAHA Helping Pets Fund; <a href="http://www.aahahelpingpets.org">www.aahahelpingpets.org</a></b>
Who is eligible?	<p>The AAHA Helping Pets Fund provides financial assistance through AAHA-accredited veterinary practices for emergency and non-elective veterinary care. We can help in three types of cases: 1) Pet owners receiving certain forms of government assistance 2) Pet owners experiencing temporary financial hardship 3) Good Samaritan cases; Assistance is available to support cases where no owner can be found and the veterinary practice is taking responsibility for an unwanted pet. In these cases, a letter or email signed or authorized by the veterinarian attesting to the circumstances of the case is submitted with a grant application.</p>
What are the funding limits?	<p>Limited to \$700 per AAHA accredited practice per calendar year. Maximum to each veterinary \$500 for financial hardship and \$200 for Good Samaritan. Maximum to each family is \$500 per year and \$1,000 for a lifetime.</p>
What is covered?	Emergency and non-elective veterinary care.
What is the application process?	<p>AAHA-accredited veterinary practices may apply for a grant from the AAHA Helping Pets Fund on behalf of their clients. No practice is obligated to apply to the program. Applications must include sufficient information to clearly determine client and treatment eligibility, including client eligibility and patient diagnosis and treatment information. All applications must be accompanied by a detailed cost estimate showing fees for required treatment. Applications must also be submitted within 3 weeks of treatment, if treatment has already taken place.</p>
How are payments made?	<p>Once treatment is provided, the veterinary practice submits a detailed invoice showing required treatment and fees to the Fund by fax or regular mail. Payment will be made directly to the veterinary practice. The Fund will pay in full invoices that do not exceed established</p>

	funding limits (see Funding Limits section above). For invoices exceeding established funding limits, the Fund will pay the annual funding limit. The veterinary practice may make arrangements with the client for payment of any balance above the annual funding limit or write off the balance.
How and when are funds awarded?	See above
<b>Organization and Website:</b>	<b>Help-A-Pet; <a href="http://www.help-a-pet.org">www.help-a-pet.org</a></b>
Who is eligible?	Physically and mentally challenged individuals; Senior Citizens; Children of the working poor; Applicants must provide proof of income eligibility.
What are the funding limits?	To qualify, your annual income must be below \$20,000 for an individual household or \$40,000 for a family household (amount varies upon the number of dependents). Due to limited funding, financial assistance can only be provided once per pet.
What is covered?	Undisclosed.
What is the application process?	A copy of your most recent federal tax return filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), not a pay stub or W2 form. If you do not file a Federal Tax Return, please provide a copy of government assistance documentations such as a disability income or food stamp letter, or a medical aid care.
How are payments made?	No questions regarding the availability, amount, expediency, etc. of assistance can be answered until a complete application with proof of income is received.
How and when are funds awarded?	All applicants will be notified as to whether or not their application is approved, generally within two days of receipt of the application by this organization. Help-A-Pet is staffed by volunteers so your patience is greatly appreciated. If approved, payment will be made directly to the veterinarian or medical supplier.
<b>Organization and Website:</b>	<b>Angels4Animals; <a href="http://www.angels4animals.org/programs.html">http://www.angels4animals.org/programs.html</a></b>
Who is eligible?	The scope of our program is only limited by our available resources. Participants are selected after filling out an eligibility assessment application. Priority is given to those with the shortest amount of time to make a decision or to those who can demonstrate the greatest amount of negative impact on family life if the pet was gone.
What are the funding limits?	Undisclosed
What is covered?	Undisclosed
What is the application process?	Contact: 1-916-941-9119
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when are funds awarded?	Undisclosed

<b>Organization and Website:</b>	<b>Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program;</b> <a href="http://www.fveap.org/sys-tmpl/faqaboutus/">http://www.fveap.org/sys-tmpl/faqaboutus/</a>
Who is eligible?	<p>The cat/kitten must have a life-threatening illness, injury or condition, or one that seriously compromises the quality of the cat or kitten's life.</p> <p>The illness, injury or condition must require immediate or prompt veterinary intervention in order for the cat or kitten to survive.</p> <p>The veterinarian's prognosis (in the veterinarian's best professional judgment) should indicate a positive outcome.</p> <p>The cat/kitten must be spayed or neutered or have the procedure done during the treatment period.</p> <p>Funding may be provided only prior to treatment. Exceptions may be made for stabilizing procedures.</p> <p>Final funding decisions will be based on resources available.</p> <p>Approved funding may be a flat dollar amount or a percentage of the total cost of treatment. Rarely will full funding be available.</p> <p>It is expected that the Guardian will contribute to the cost of treatment to the extent possible.</p> <p>It is also expected that the treating veterinarian will offset some of the cost of treatment.</p>
What are the funding limits?	Undisclosed
What is covered?	Undisclosed
What is the application process?	If your cat or kitten is facing an immediate life or death situation, eMail <a href="mailto:fveap@earthlink.net">fveap@earthlink.net</a> and provide 1) your name, address & phone number; 2) kitty's name; 3) what's wrong; 4) what's needed; 5) name, address and phone number of veterinarian. We can get additional information and paperwork later if needed. For non-emergency situations, please fill out and send the Application Form.
How are payments made?	Call veterinarian directly with payment information.
How and when are funds awarded?	Undisclosed
<b>Organization and Website:</b>	<b>The Onyx &amp; Breezy Foundation</b> <a href="http://www.onyxandbreezy.org/index.html">http://www.onyxandbreezy.org/index.html</a>
Who is eligible?	Medical treatment for animals where hardship is present
What are the funding limits?	Undisclosed
What is covered?	Undisclosed
What is the application process?	<p>Application is available online. All grant applications must be returned with the following to be presented for consideration:</p> <p>Financials (for example, tax return)</p> <p>Diagnosis &amp; Prognosis (if applicable)</p>

	<p>Estimate of cost</p> <p>Care Credit status</p> <p>Please provide a contact telephone number that accepts calls from a "blocked" telephone number.</p>
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when are funds awarded?	Undisclosed
<b>Organization and Contact Info:</b>	<p><b>SFSPCA—Pet-a-Care Senior Discount Program</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.sfspca.org/veterinary-services/financing-options">http://www.sfspca.org/veterinary-services/financing-options</a></p>
Who is eligible?	<p>The Pet-A-Care Program is the most comprehensive charitable program in the nation for spayed/neutered pets of low-income, San Francisco seniors over the age of 65, providing 50% off all veterinary services for the lifetime of qualifying animals.</p> <p>Owners can apply on behalf of pets that are already spayed/neutered and are over one year of age. Two pets may qualify for the program for the lifetime of the guardian.</p>
What are the funding limits?	Undisclosed
What is covered?	Undisclosed
What is the application process?	Please call our Client Service Representatives at 1-415-554-3030
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when are funds awarded?	Undisclosed
<b>Organization and Contact Info:</b>	<p><b>SFSPCA —Emergency Care Veterinary Fund</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.sfspca.org/veterinary-services/financing-options">http://www.sfspca.org/veterinary-services/financing-options</a></p>
Programs:	<p>We provide urgent care to acutely ill or seriously injured animals. Financing is available for qualifying San Francisco residents with spayed/neutered pets, or those who agree to spay/neuter their cat or dog during or after treatment.</p>
What are the funding limits?	Undisclosed
What is covered?	Undisclosed
What is the application process?	Please call our Client Service Representatives at 1-415-554-3030
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when are funds awarded?	Undisclosed

<b>Organization and Contact Info:</b>	<b>SFSPCA—Spay/Neuter Incentives &amp; Free and Sliding Scale Spay/Neuter</b> <a href="http://www.sfspca.org/veterinary-services/financing-options">http://www.sfspca.org/veterinary-services/financing-options</a>
Programs:	We provide free spay/neuter surgeries for: Pets of homeless San Franciscans. Pets of qualifying low-income individuals. Feral cats, through our Feral Fix Program. We also offer a variety of spay/neuter surgery discounts for owned cats and dogs in our community: 25% - 100% off for low-income S.F. residents, determined by the # of people in household and average monthly income for all household members. 10% off for S.F. residents, regardless of income 10% off for existing SF/SPCA Veterinary Hospital clients, regardless of income and residency 20% off for S.F. full-time students, regardless of income 20% off for S.F. senior citizens over age 65, regardless of income.
What are the funding limits?	See Above.
What is covered?	Spay/Neuter
What is the application process?	Please call our Client Service Representatives at 1-415-554-3030
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when are funds awarded?	Undisclosed
<b>Organization and Contact Info:</b>	<b>Pets In Need</b> 871 5th Avenue Redwood City, CA 94063 (650) 367-1405 <a href="mailto:info@PetsInNeed.org">info@PetsInNeed.org</a> <a href="http://www.petsinneed.org/Services.html">http://www.petsinneed.org/Services.html</a>
Programs:	The Mahoney Fund provides assistance to low-income individuals for veterinary care, including spaying and neutering for their dogs and cats, on a funds available basis. (You must be able to prove that you are a resident of San Mateo or Santa Clara County.)  The Crockett Memorial Fund assists seniors these with veterinary care. Regular clinics are held at Senior Centers throughout the area. Senior citizens can bring their companion pets for an examination by a veterinarian and vaccinations for only ten dollars. Low-income seniors can also obtain assistance for other more comprehensive veterinary care through the Crockett Memorial Fund. (You must be able to prove that you are a resident of San Mateo or Santa Clara County.)
What are the funding limits?	Undisclosed

What is covered?	Undisclosed
What is the application process?	Call Pets In Need at 1-650-367-1405 for more information.
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
<b>Organization and Contact Info:</b>	<b>Brown Dog Foundation</b> <a href="http://www.browndogfoundation.org/home">http://www.browndogfoundation.org/home</a>
Who is Eligible?	We are an organization dedicated to <i>helping families who find themselves in a temporary financial crisis at the same time their pet requires life-saving treatment or life-sustaining medications.</i> 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.
What are the funding limits?	Undisclosed
What is covered?	Undisclosed
What is the application process?	<p><b>STEP 1:</b> The family completes our "apply for assistance" survey online. This generates an email reviewed by a Case Manager within 24 hours. <a href="http://www.browndogfoundation.org/prequal">http://www.browndogfoundation.org/prequal</a></p> <p><b>STEP 2:</b> If the family pre-qualifies for assistance, the second step is for the family to complete our 7 page Application for Assistance which requires a list of documentation to be compiled and submitted for review against our guidelines.</p> <p><b>STEP 3:</b> A Case Manager will contact the Veterinary Clinic by fax requesting additional information. It is important for the Veterinarian to read the accompanying letter and complete the Veterinary Form entirely (the IRS requires that we maintain a list of EINs that we make payment to - failure to provide the EIN will delay the process).</p> <p><b>STEP 4:</b> Once we have the family's information and the Veterinarian's information, our Case Manager will summarize the case and provide a snapshot of Brown Dog Foundation's Financial Situation to the Grant Review Committee.</p> <p><b>STEP 5:</b> The Grant Review Committee votes. The Grant Review Committee is comprised of 4 Board Members each casting 1 vote. A unanimous vote is required to "approve" a case. One vote against, generates a "denial".</p> <p><b>STEP 6:</b> A Letter of Commitment or Letter of Denial is generated on Brown Dog's letterhead, signed by our Board President and delivered via Fax (for emergencies) and via USPS (for cases that are not an emergency).</p>

	<p><i>We will do our best to work with you through crisis situations. However, Brown Dog Foundation is not fully-funded, nor are we staffed full-time. It is important that you are comfortable with the fact that not all families meet our criteria and while, a family may pass our Pre-Qualification Screen they may not pass the full Application Screen. There are many reasons that may lead to a denial. When we have more cases than we can afford to fund presented at one time, we are forced to review each family's entire application and compare to one another to make our decision.</i></p>
How are payments made?	Undisclosed
How and when are funds awarded?	Undisclosed