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The following is a list of organizations that may provide financial assistance to pet owners in need. Please keep in mind that each organization is independent and has their own set of rules and guidelines. Therefore you will have to investigate each one separately to determine if you qualify for assistance: This listing is provided to help you in finding funding for your pet. Rose's Fund for Animals is not associated with any of these organizations or responsible for any decisions that they make. Please contact Rose's Fund for Animals at www.rosesfund.org for any additions, deletions or corrections

Please check our state specific page as veterinary assistance programs may cross state lines.

[AAHA Helping Pets Fund](#)

[American Animal Hospital Association](#)

As the benevolent arm of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) Foundation, the AAHA Helping Pets Fund helps those in need access quality veterinary care for their sick or injured pets. They raise funds and award grants supporting veterinary care for pets that have been abandoned or whose owners are experiencing financial hardship. (1-866-4HELPETS) Through the AAHA Helping Pets Fund or if their owner is experiencing financial hardship, veterinary care is possible for sick or injured pets even if they have been abandoned." www.aahahelpingpets.org

Your vet can submit an assistance request to the American Animal Hospital Association's "Helping Pets Fund." In order to qualify, your animal hospital must be AAHA accredited. To learn more about the program [visit the AAHA website](#). [Find an AAHA accredited hospital in your area »](#)

[American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals \(ASPCA\)](#). See "Financial help with my vet bills" under "Pet care."

[Angels 4 Animals](#)

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 www.Angels4Animals.org

[Animal Cancer Therapy Subsidization Society](#)

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](#)

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)

Assistance Dogs Special Allowance Program:

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG82.htm>

Berner Emergency Health Assistance Fund .

Berner owners and lovers, who seek to provide some financial assistance to owners of purebred Bernese Mountain Dogs who find themselves in need of a little help when their dogs are accidentally injured or develop catastrophic medical conditions. www.behaf.org

[The Brown Dog Foundation](#) program is for pet owners in temporary financial crisis whose pet faces a treatable life-threatening condition

browndogfoundation.org/home

[Canine Cancer Awareness Org](#)

Canine Cancer Awareness (CCA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting canine cancer. They 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. caninecancerawareness.org

[Care Credit](#) - (1-800-859-9975) A credit card company for health care, including veterinary care. "Care Credit, the leader in patient/client financing, has helped more than 3 million patients / clients get the treatment or procedures they needed and wanted. 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."

[Cats in Crisis](#) - "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." Cats In Crisis, catsin crisis.org

[Chipln](#) - a fundraiser/donation site that allows individuals to ask for money for a specific purpose, using social networks and other websites. Requires a PayPal account for deposits.

[Cody's Club](#)

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. codysclub.bravehost.com

Corgi Aid

4038 Cherokee Drive, Madison, WI 53711

Web: www.corgiaid.org

E-mail: grantschair@corgiaid.org

Limitations: Rescued Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, or Corgi mixes; no aid for established personal pets; aid for recently adopted dogs under certain circumstances. Expenses must have been incurred within six months of the application.

Dougal's Helping Paw (Scottish Terriers, West Highland White Terriers and other small, short-legged terriers): <http://www.welcome.to/dougalsfund>

[Feline Outreach](#) - "Feline Outreach is a charitable organization formed to promote the routine and medical care of companion animals, particularly cats. Among other goals, the organization may enable shelters and the public to adopt, keep, and/or care for companion animals, particularly those with special needs - this support may be financial, educational, or in other forms." Feline Outreach, felineoutreach.org

[Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance \(FVEAP\)](#) - "The NEED & The HELP: 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. Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program, fveap.org

For Pets' Sake Best Friends Program: Springdale NW Arkansas (mircochpping, Best Friends Senior Program includes pet food, assistance for veterinary care, transportation to veterinarian and groomer, temporary foster program if hospitalized for seniors in Northwest Arkansas)

www.for-pets-sake.org

[Fundable](#) - a fundraising/donation site that allows individuals to request money for a specific project or event. If goal is not met, no money is exchanged. Funds paid by check or PayPal.

[God's Creatures Ministry](#) - "We get many requests for financial help. We sadly do not send more than \$50.00 when we have money! However, we encourage people to fundraise in their area, for 'pets' or animal(s) by using two of our simple forms. Some veterinarians will keep an account knowing that you are fundraising through a non-profit organization. One form is 'Walk a Mile' which can be done anytime, and anywhere! The other is a general form for donations."

[Good Sam Fund](#)

The Good Sam Fund is administered by MedVet in Worthington, Ohio. Call 614-846-5800 or see their rules on [who qualifies for help with vet bills](#).

goodsamfund.org

[Handicapped Pets](#) - "The Handicapped Pets Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation dedicated to the health and well-being of elderly, disabled, and injured pets. We donate mobility equipment to pets in need."

[Handicapped Pet Help Fund](#)

From time to time, HandicappedPets.com recognizes a caretaker of handicapped pets that need some special attention, and a little extra help. There are those who are so selflessly dedicated to their animal families that they give up a little more than they can afford. This special fund is used to provide support to those people

[Handipets](#) - a bulletin board for pets in need of donations, veterinary care, medication, surgery, or other items.

[Help-A-Pet](#) - (630-986-9504) help-a-pet.org

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.

[Humane Society of the United States \(HSUS\)](#). See "Having trouble affording your pet" and "What you can do if you are having trouble affording veterinary care."

[IMOM](#) - "Mission Statement: Helping people help pets. To better the lives of sick, injured and abused companion animals. We are dedicated to insure that no companion animal has to be euthanized simply because their caretaker is financially challenged." (Note: IMOM has a special fund for diabetic cats)
WWW.IMOM.ORG

Labrador Harbor: labradorharbor.org To provide charitable funds to private citizens or non-profit rescue organizations that directly benefit the immediate physical well-being of Labrador Retrievers. These funds will help finance costs for medical intervention, surgery, after-care, hospitalization, rehabilitation, behavioral intervention, or other health related needs of the Labrador Retriever, in order to enhance quality of life, extend life expectancy, and/or prevent euthanasia due to inability to meet the costs of medical care. Upon application and approval, Labrador Harbor will disperse funds based on eligibility criteria and availability.

Labrador Lifeline <http://www.labradorlifeline.org> Labrador Life Line recognizes the tremendous need to aid those purebred Labrador Retrievers in need of new homes, urgent medical care, or other assistance in order to live a full and productive life. Too often these needs go unaddressed, resulting in the needless suffering and death of America's most beloved canine companion. Labrador Life Line is determined to alleviate such

tragedies through the efforts of its volunteers wherever and whenever possible. These dogs simply deserve no less.

LabMed: Rx For Rescued 3941 Legacy Drive, Suite 204, #A115, Plano, TX 75023

Web: www.labmed.org Phone: (972) 208-2470

E-mail: info@labmed.org

Limitations: Abandoned and/or injured Labrador Retrievers (or Lab mixes displaying "strong Labrador characteristics") in need of rescue; medical conditions that were present at the time of rescue may be eligible for funding if the dog has been examined and a preliminary diagnosis made by a veterinarian within two weeks of the date when the dog was rescued. Medical conditions that are acquired after a dog has been rescued are not eligible for funding.

Magic Bullet Fund (Cancer Specific), www.themagicbulletfund.org

The Magic Bullet Fund helps people who have a dog with cancer but cannot afford treatment costs. [Magic Bullet Fund](#)

P.O. Box 2574, Briarcliff, NY 10510

Web: www.themagicbulletfund.org

E-mail: email@themagicbulletfund.org

Limitations: Only dogs after diagnosis of cancer; under 10 years old. Family must be incapable of funding cancer treatment without assistance and must correspond online everyday with caseworker and with online community of supporters.

[The Mosby Foundation](#) is organized for charitable purposes, to assist in the care of sick, injured, abused, and neglected dogs through financial support and public education. A priority for accepting an application for funding is a life-saving emergency confirmed by a licensed veterinarian either by fax or phone. themosbyfoundation.org

NY SAVE any pet owner residing in one of the five boroughs of New York City who is truly in need of financial assistance to be able to take their pet to any participating veterinary hospital for emergency veterinary care. Pet owners can apply directly to NY SAVE or obtain services through a referral by a veterinarian who is a member of the Veterinary Medical Association of New York City. The pet owner will need to provide identification and some form of documentation indicating that they are currently unemployed, on public assistance, disabled, or living at or below the poverty level.

www.nysave.org

[Onyx and Breezy Foundation](#) - supports medical treatment for animals where hardship is present as well as other endeavors that benefit the welfare of animals. www.onyxandbreezy.org

OSLF Fund for Orthopedic Cases

The goal of Orthodogs' Silver Lining Foundation (OSLF) Fund is to assist with the treatment, support or surgery of any orthopedic condition or injury in which it has been determined that the desired course of action will significantly improve the dog's quality of life. In addition to surgical treatment, OSLF will assist with support devices, prosthetics, mobility aids, supplements and alternative treatments when it has been determined by a veterinarian (either conventional, holistic or homeopathic) that such options will significantly improve the dog's quality of life. The dog must be a companion animal that has a permanent home. oslf.org

Pet Fund - "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 emergency vet visits. Companion animal owners must often make the difficult decision to put an animal down or neglect urgent 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." thepetfund.com

PetPALS of Southern New Jersey (veterinary care assistance programs for senior, disabled or ill pet owners)
petfinder.com/shelters/NJ151.html

Pets of the Homeless - "We will do our part to help reduce hunger in pets that belong to the homeless and the less fortunate and provide medical care for those pets in communities across the country. We believe in the healing power of companion pets and of the human/animal bond which is very important to life."

Pigger's Pals - "A nonprofit organization that was 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."

Pit Bull Rescue Central

Web: www.pbrc.net

Limitations: Pit Bull or Pit Bull mixes only; spay/neuter, life threatening conditions and, under certain circumstances, other surgery.

R.U.F.F (Rescuing Unwanted Furry Friends) www.RUFFrescue.org. RUFF is dedicated to saving the lives of abandoned, unwanted or displaced animals, from the brink of euthanasia at Southern California "KILL" shelters. We pay adoption fees and medical assistance for these pets, many of which are "special needs".

Save U.S. Pets Foundation: Note that a veterinarian must apply on behalf of pet owner. The Save U.S. Pets Foundation, based in New Jersey, is dedicated to providing financial assistance for pets to receive critical 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. www.saveuspets.org

[Shakespeare Animal Fund](#) - "We help elderly, disabled and those whose total income does not exceed \$23,000 to obtain emergency pet care. We pay the veterinarian directly, reducing out of pocket costs for low income pet owners who need to save their pet's life."

Special Needs Dobermans

P.O. Box 2496, Goldenrod, Florida 32733-2496

Web: www.doberman911.org Phone: (302) 351-6137

E-mail: info@doberman911.org or seniors@doberman911.org (senior Dobermans)

Limitations: Senior and special needs Doberman Pinschers.

[Tails of Hope](#) - "Our assistance programs are aimed at providing help to individuals whose companion animals are suffering from life-threatening diseases and to the veterinary hospitals treating such animals."

[United Animal Nations](#) - UAN maintains a [list of organizations with assistance programs](#) and other fundraising methods. They also maintain [LifeLine](#), its own program of small grants (up to \$300). "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." United Animal Nations LifeLine Fund, uan.org

Vet-I-Care

P.O. Box 41, Clarksburg, NJ 08510

Web: www.vet-i-care.org Phone: (609) 259-8300 x126

E-mail: mdurnien@vet-i-care.org

Vet-I-Care is a non-profit foundation committed to helping families secure the resources required to provide much needed specialty and surgical care for their pets.

Westimed (West Highland White Terriers):

Web: www.westiemed.org

Phone: 1-877-853-9469

Limitations: West Highland White Terriers/mixes only; one fund for congenital orthopedic conditions, one fund for other medical issues. Dog must have been recently adopted from a credible rescue source. Alternatively, funding may be

available in a situation where an individual has rescued a dog who was injured or ill at the time of rescue and would like to provide a permanent home for the dog, or it is determined by a veterinarian that the dog needs medical treatment for a condition that was not readily obvious at the time of rescue. Applications must be submitted no later than 60 days after incurring the expense.

Be proactive. Here are some ways to work with vets to make treatment affordable.

Negotiate a payment plan with your vet. If you're a client in good standing, she may be happy to work out a weekly or monthly payment plan so that you don't have to pay the entire cost of veterinary care up front. However, don't expect a vet you've never been to before to agree to such a plan; she doesn't know you and understandably doesn't want to get stuck with an unpaid bill.

Offer to perform a service for your vet like cleaning kennels, answering phones or other work in lieu of actual cash.

Get a second opinion. You'll pay a consultation fee, but another vet may have other, less expensive ways to treat your pet.

Use a vet in a less expensive area. Vets in smaller towns tend to charge lower fees.

Check out local veterinary schools. Many run low-cost clinics for limited income clients. [The American Veterinary Medical Association's website](#) and [Veterinaryschools.com](#) have lists of veterinary schools by state.

Contact your local animal shelter. Some shelters have onsite low-cost veterinary clinics or work with local vets who are willing to reduce their charges. Some also have veterinary loan or grant programs.
