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FINANCIAL RESOURCES & SERVICES FOR ANIMAL OWNERS

To promote better Access to Veterinary Care (AVC) and resources, this Financial Resources Page is meant to promote animal welfare, public health, and social justice.

These resources are overall care, preventative care, shelter care, foster care, emergency care, and financial assistance.

Veterinary Health IS Public Health



About this Document

Purpose:

Link animal owners with community organizations to provide resources to keep families together.

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Please note that resources listed in this document are national and specific to the state of Tennessee.

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Financial Resources

RedRover

<https://redrover.org/>

- We help animals in crisis and protect and strengthen the bond between people and animals through emergency sheltering, disaster relief services, financial assistance, and education.
- RedRover Relief Urgent Care grant program: Provides financial assistance, resources, and emotional support to pet parents struggling with economic hardship when pets are in life-threatening situations. The average grant is \$250. Link: <https://redrover.org/relief/urgent-care-grants/>
- RedRover Relief Safe Escape grant program: Provides funding to cover temporary pet boarding while a survivor is residing in a domestic violence shelter that does not accommodate pets.
- RedRover Responders: With the help of more than 4,600 volunteers, we provide vital emergency sheltering assistance for animals displaced by natural disasters or rescued from cruelty situations.

We also deliver training and hands on assistance, such as providing volunteers for a spay and neuter clinic, or guidance on shelter operations, to communities in need. We focus on areas where animals and people lack resources and there is a high population of homeless animals.

Phone: (916) 429-2457

Email : info@redrover.org

Mailing Address:

PO Box 188890

Sacramento, CA 95818

Financial Resources

Scratch Pay

<https://scratchpay.com/>

Scratch Pay believes that every person and pet deserve access to affordable medical care by prioritizing the needs of our partners, customers, and colleagues.

Phone: (323)682-0859 & (855) 727-2395 (Toll free)

Email: support@scratchpay.com

MyBalto

<https://www.mybaltofoundation.org/>

MyBalto's purpose is to make pet care more affordable and to improve the lives of pets, owners, and veterinarians.

Phone: (619) 310 - 9902

Email: foundation@mybalto.com

Mailing Address:

3714 Villa Ter.

San Diego, CA, 92104

Compassion Animal Project

<https://www.compassionanimalproject.org/>

Compassion Animal Project is a nationwide nonprofit that provides financial assistance for life-saving treatments for pets.

Phone: (804) 966-4191

Email: apply@compassionanimalproject.org

Mailing Address:

1601 Willow Lawn Dr Ste. 304

The Shops at Willow Lawn #1276

Richmond, VA 23230

Financial Resources

Care Credit

<https://www.carecredit.com/>

CareCredit offers Special Financing and low monthly payment options, no up-front costs, and no prepayment penalties so you can keep your pet healthy and happy.

Phone: (800) 677-0718

Brown Dog Foundation

<https://www.browndogfoundation.org/>

Brown Dog Foundation is a Tennessee Chartered NonProfit, and while the Corporate Office address has changed, we continue to abide by the laws of the State of Tennessee governing chartered businesses. Our national presence is not designed to alienate local communities, but to allow us the vision of assisting any family, anywhere, anytime.

Email: browndog@browndogfoundation.org

Mailing Address:

7543 Gibraltar Street

Unit 200

Carlsbad, CA 92009

Dylan's Hearts

<https://www.dylanshearts.com/>

Dylan's Hearts is a nonprofit organization helping families struggling financially fund their animal's veterinary expenses. By providing financial assistance in times of critical need, Dylan's Hearts seeks to allow veterinary medical decisions to be made based on the most favorable outcome for the animal and not by the financial distress of the animal's caregiver.

Phone: (843) 855-2381

Email: donna@dylanshearts.com

Financial Resources

Friends & Vets Helping Pets

<https://friendsandvetshelpingpets.org/>

Friends & Vets Helping Pets was founded to assist families with financial limitations to pay for extraordinary veterinary expenses necessary to save a pet's life. We hope to solve the problem of families being forced, unnecessarily, to euthanize a family pet solely because of cost restraints. FVHP staff works with both the veterinarian and the family to provide pets with the necessary medical treatment so they can live out their lives in a loving and caring environment.

Phone: (859) 309-2043

Email: info@FriendsandVetsHelpingPets.org

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 910117

Lexington, KY 40591

The Mosby Foundation

<https://themosbyfoundation.org/>

The Mosby Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes to assist in the care for critically sick, injured, abused and neglected dogs through financial support and public education.

Phone: (540) 885-2260

Email: info@themosbyfoundation.org

National Frankie's Friends Fund

<https://www.frankiesfriends.org/national-frankies-friends-fund>

Frankie's 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. This program is designed to help with the treatment of emergency and specialty medical conditions where the pet would otherwise suffer, be euthanized, or relinquished without proper veterinary care.

Phone: (888) 465- PETS

Email: giving@frankiesfriends.com

Mailing Address:

12651 N Dale Mabry Hwy. #272028

Tampa, FL 33618

Financial Resources

Pet Assistance Inc.

<https://www.petassistanceinc.org/>

Saving Pets' lives is what we do! PAi aims to keep pets in their own homes, even in times of financial and medical crises.

Phone: (860) 355-7387

Email: petassistance1973@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 2015

New Preston, CT 06777

The Pet Fund

<https://www.thepetfund.com/>

The Pet Fund is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance to owners of domestic animals in the United States who need veterinary care. ALL applicants are REQUIRED to email The Pet Fund a description of your animal's medical needs. Send your email, including a phone number where you can be reached,

Email: info@thepetfund.com

STARelief & Pet Assistance

<https://starelf.org/>

The mission of STARelief and Pet Assistance is to provide life-saving pet food and veterinary care, emergency boarding and foster care to pets whose caretakers are struggling with financial hardship. The long-term vision of STARelief and Pet Assistance is to ensure that no person will ever have to surrender their pet due to financial hardship, and to ensure that all companion animals are treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve.

Phone: (203) 636-0971

Email: care@starelf.org

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 3035

Stamford, CT 06905

Financial Resources

The Onyx and Breezy Foundation

<https://www.onyxandbreezy.org/>

We created The Onyx & Breezy Foundation to ensure that Onyx and Breezy's memory will live on through the foundation's support of endeavors serving the needs of animals. All administrative expenses of the foundation are paid for through donations from the Shefts' Family. Fundraising expenses are paid for through donations from the Shefts' Family and other corporate and individual sponsors.

Email: info@onyxandbreezy.org

Mailing Address:

PO Box 857

Tuxedo Park, NY 10987

Handicapped Pets Foundation

<https://hpets.org/>

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 new or reconditioned wheelchairs to pets-in-need. The Handicapped Pets Foundation is dedicated to extending the life of disabled pets by helping them move; getting the exercise they need to live long, happy, healthy lives.

Application Link: <https://hpets.org/apply-for-wheelchair>

Beau's Army

<http://beausarmy.org/>

Beauregard's Army of Angels (Beau's Army) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families of canines who are battling cancer by providing veterinary care assistance, emotional support, and other resources regardless of age or prognosis.

Application Link: http://beausarmy.org/assets/beausarmy_assistanceapplication_fillable.pdf

Email: beauregardsarmy@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

397 Highland Circle

Marion, VA 24354

Financial Resources

Diabetic Cats In Need

<https://dcin.dreamhosters.com/>

Support diabetic cats in their original, adoptive, shelter, and rescue homes; help to rehome unwanted diabetic cats; and help to educate caregivers on the appropriate treatment of diabetic cats. All-volunteer, internet-based rescue/assistance group for diabetic cats. Links:

- Compassion Assistance Program: <https://dcin.dreamhosters.com/compassionate-assistance-program/>
- One-Time Assistance Program: <https://dcin.dreamhosters.com/one-time-assistance-program/>

Email: amy@dcin.info

Mailing Address:

Diabetic Cats in Need

P.O. Box 21

Minot, ME 04258-0021

The Magic Bullet Fund

<https://themagicbulletfund.org/>

Magic Bullet Fund helps people who have made room in their homes and hearts for a feline or canine companion, but do not have the financial resources to provide cancer treatment. Magic Bullet Fund provides assistance when a family is unable to pay for treatment and the pet would not be able to have treatment without our assistance; and when we can reasonably believe that the treatment will add significant quality life for the pet.

Application Link: <https://themagicbulletfund.org/apply/>

Mailing Address:

Magic Bullet Fund

P.O. Box 149

Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Financial Resources

Independent Online Fundraising Opportunities

Below are a few websites that feature “crowd funding.” Crowd funding refers to the practice of requesting donations from individuals or a group to raise money towards a single goal. Please visit these sites to learn more. These resources require regular Internet access, a PayPal account, and preferably a social networking site in order to share your story. A good photo always helps as well.

GoFund Me <http://www.gofundme.com/Animals-Pets/>

GoFundMe personal online fundraising websites are perfect for individuals, groups & organizations. Create your own personal donation website for free. GoFundMe will deduct a 5% fee from each donation that you receive. Since our fee is deducted automatically, you'll never need to worry about being billed or owing us any money. A small processing fee of about 3% will also be deducted from each payment.

PlumFund <https://www.plumfund.com/>

An online fundraising platform that allows friends and family to give and receive. Set up a Plumfund account for free and share through social media to receive donations online or offline. Online payments via credit/debit go through either PayPal or WePay and a small processing fee of 2.8% + \$0.30 is taken off each online transaction. Both options allow you to withdraw funds via your own bank account with no withdrawal fees.

Fundly <https://fundly.com/>

An online fundraising platform that allows friends and family to give and receive. Set up a Fundly account for free and share through social media to receive donations online or offline. While it's free to create and share your online fundraising campaign, Fundly will deduct a 4.9% fee from each donation that you receive. A small credit card processing fee of 3% will also be deducted from each donation. We provide automatic discounts for larger campaigns!

Services

Helpful Links

Lovie's Legacy Links:

- http://www.lovieslegacy.org/custpage.cfm?frm=176774&sec_id=176774

Paws4 A Cure Links:

- <https://www.paws4acure.org/resources/Veterinary%20Financial%20Assistance%20Links.pdf><https://www.paws4acure.org/resources/Veterinary%20Financial%20Assistance%20Links.pdf>
- <https://www.paws4acure.org/helpfulresources.php>

VetBilling Links:

- Payment Alternatives for Veterinarians: <https://vetbilling.com/ten-tips-checklist-for-veterinary-managers/>
<https://vetbilling.com/participating-veterinarians/>
- <https://vetbilling.com/participating-veterinarians/>

Working Dog Cancer Treatment Grant:

- <http://grants.landofpuregold.com>
- Mailing Address for Application: Land of Pure Gold Foundation,, 3731 Greenway Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

Services

Affordable Vet Care (Tennessee ONLY)

PetWell Clinic

<https://www.petwellclinic.com/wp/>

Phone: (865)272-9491

YouCaring

<https://www.gofundme.com/c/youcaring>

Crowdfunding

Central Veterinary Hospital

<https://www.centralvethospital.com/>

Phone: (865) 525-1167

Free Pet Food

Young Williams Animal Center

Phone: (865) 215-6678

Pantry for Feeding Pets

Phone: (865) 805-1111

FISH of Knox County

Phone: (865)522-3474

Low-Cost Vaccines & Spay/Neuter Clinics

PPAW Wellness Clinic

Phone: (865) 856-7729

Mailing Address:

6869 Morganton Rd.

Greenback, TN 37742

Prices and services are listed here: <https://www.ppawspayneuterclinic.com>

Humane Society, Tennessee Valley

Phone: (865) 856-7729

Email: PetHelp@HumaneSocietyTennessee.org

Mailing Address:

6717 Kingston Pike

Knoxville, TN 37919

Clinic days/times are listed here: <https://humanesocietytennessee.org/clinic/>

Services

KnoxPAWS

<https://www.knoxseniors.org/paws/>

Program that places pets with seniors. Knox PAWS is for individuals 60 or older, living independently in Knoxville/Knox County, Tennessee, with an annual income less than 150% of the federal poverty level, that would benefit from the companionship of a pet.

Knox PAWS assists eligible clients with:

- Pet adoption (using one of the local partner animal shelters)
- Pet Deposit up to \$150
- Veterinary services and medications (using one of the program veterinary partners)
- Grooming services (using our partner grooming facility)
- Pet supplies (as donated to the program).

Knox PAWS limits the pet placement to one pet per participant.

Phone: (865) 383-3480

Email: knox00a@knoxseniors.org

Mailing Address:

2247 Western Avenue

Knoxville, TN 37921

ChainFree Knoxville

<https://chainfreeknoxville.com/>

ChainFree Knoxville was formed in response to the hundreds of chained dogs in our community. If you own or know of a dog that is continuously chained or kept in a small enclosure, would like to discuss volunteer or sponsorship opportunities, or how to support our cause, please contact us.

We normally get back to you in 1-3 days.

Phone: (865) 679-7121

Email: inquiries@chainfreeknoxville.com

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 31225

Knoxville, TN 37930

Services

SARG

<https://shelteranimalsrescue.org/>

Giving animals from the Oak Ridge Animal Shelter and surrounding areas a second chance at life.

SARG is dedicated to reducing the population of unwanted animals and committed to placement of animals into loving and responsible homes. SARG supports community outreach programs such as animal welfare services, pet supplies and food distributions, and support for local animal shelters.

Phone: (865)483-8146

Email: info@shelteranimalsrescue.org

Mailing Address:

124 Newell Ln.

Oak Ridge, TN 37830

BCAWS (Blount County Animal Welfare Society)

<https://www.bcaws1.org/>

We are an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit organization in Blount County TN created by local shelter and rescue workers who saw a population of pets in our community who were suffering due to inadequate shelter or being chained because they did not have enclosures. Also assists with reducing chained animals.

- Our goal is to improve their lives.
- We build and distribute dog houses and erect enclosures to end chaining of outdoor dogs.
- We provide spay/neuter and other medical services to client animals.
- We promote the establishment and enforcement of animal welfare laws that protect companion animals from cruelty and neglect.

Phone: (865) 230-7051

Email: bcaws19@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

233 Currie Ave, Maryville, TN 37804

Services

Young-Williams Animal Center

<https://www.young-williams.org/pet-resource-center/>

Our goal is to help you keep your pet! We have a lot of resources to share with you and will do our best to help you find a solution so that you can keep your pet!

Services:

- Foster
- Lost & Found
- Spay & Neuter

Phone: (865) 215-6599

Email: pethelp@young-williams.org

Mailing Address:

3201 Division Street

Knoxville, TN 37919

Intellihelp Pets

<https://t.co/tO7lQ6sLZ7>

There are many families struggling to provide food and other necessities for their pets. In 2020, our Angel Givers helped provide to 3,521 pet families a total of 443,646 meals to pets. You're invited to our Intellihelp Pets FB community. We are a community where people can express their love of neighbors and their pets by simply providing a needed item while respecting privacy and social distancing.

Posts should include City & State and:

- Dry Cat Food
- Wet Puppy Food
- Ferret Bedding
- Guinea Pig Hay

Please add 2-3 brief sentences about your situation causing you to need assistance. Add wish-list link and zipcode of the Walmart you can pick these up from and pictures of the animals requesting.

Email: info@intellihelp.org

Services

The Homestretch Thoroughbred Rescue

<https://www.thehomestretchthoroughbredrescue.com/contact>

We assist Estates, Owners, and Trainers with rehoming and aftercare monitoring of raced and unraced Thoroughbreds. Our goal is to keep the horses safe by putting them in the right hands. Equine services. Provide support and resources.

- Thoroughbreds for Adoption
- Re-home at Home

Phone: (865) 438-7678.

Email: HomestretchTbredRescue@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

1781 Hines Valley Rd.

Lenoir City, TN 37771

East Tennessee Miniature Horse and Donkey Rescue

<https://www.easttennesseeminiaturehorseanddonkeyrescue.com/>

ETMHD was founded August 10th of 2016. We are one of the Nation's few rescues devoted to helping miniature equines in need. We help an average of 85 miniature horses, donkeys and mules a year. We are 100% Donation Funded and a proud member of "The Homes for Horses Coalition. Provide support and resources.

ETMHD is a small rescue made up of volunteers who want to make a big difference in the lives of small equines. Our mission is three-fold:

- 1) To be a safety net for miniature horses, donkeys and mules that are at risk of being homeless or going to auction.
- 2) To educate potential adopters and mini owners of the care and needs of these little equines.
- 3) To educate the public about the plight of the unwanted horse.

Phone: 865-266-3396

Email: minirescuetn@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

6545 Calloway Rd.

Loudon, TN 37774

Services

STAR (Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding)

<https://www.rideatstar.org/>

STAR (Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to foster personal achievement by providing therapeutic experiences using horse related activities for persons with disabilities or other special challenges.

Equine Services:

- Therapeutic Riding
- Heroes & Horses
- Minis in Motion
- Changing Strides
- Stable FriendsField Trips

Phone: (865) 988-4711

Email: star@rideatstar.org

Mailing Address:

11800 Highway 11E

Lenoir City, TN 37772

Redemption Road Rescue

<https://redemptionroadrescue.com/>

We are a non-profit equine rescue located in Jackson, TN. We accept surrendered animals, and we work side by side with local authorities on animal cruelty cases and seizures. Our ultimate goal is to rescue horses until rescue is no longer needed.

Redemption Road Rescue houses horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, and miniature horses. Once a rescued horse has been successfully rehabilitated, it can be adopted to its forever home.

Possible qualifying services:

- Specialize in Horses, but may take in other animals if space is available.
- Distance criteria
- “Last Gift”- cover cost of euthanasia
- Hay bank
- Rescue those in need

Phone: (731) 616-1440

Email: redemptionroadrescue@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

130 Cooper Anderson Rd.

Jackson, TN 38305