



# National Organizations with Assistance Programs for Pet Owners

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This is a reference tool to help you find more funding for your situation.*

## Bow Wow Buddies Foundation

<https://www.bowwowbuddies.com/apply-for-grant/>

**Grants used for:** Available for urgent veterinary care needs.

**Grant Information:** Grants available up to \$2500. These are meant to cover necessary medical treatments for certain serious conditions and emergency services. Grants are not available for spay or neuter surgeries, dental work, preventative care, ongoing treatments, or end-of-life care.

**Grant Eligibility:** Families that are unable to afford necessary veterinary care and are in need of financial assistance to keep their dog healthy and in their home.

## Dylan's Hearts

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

**Grants used for:** An animal that has a life threatening or critical injury or illness that requires a specific treatment AND they must have a favorable prognosis.

**Grant Information:** Dylan's Hearts does not fund for on-going or chronic issues or medicine that requires continual treatment. Dylan's Hearts cannot pay for existing veterinary bills. **Application must be submitted by veterinary office.** Cancer Eligibility Guidelines - The animal is being treated through a veterinary hospital for cancer AND the animal's expected response from treatment is either achieving remission or prolonged good quality of life.

**Grant Eligibility:** The applicant must be seeking assistance for one animal in need of urgent medical care. The applicant must have average household income of under \$30,000 OR meet qualify with any of the following: Current Medicaid Card | Current EBT Food Stamp Card | Current Welfare Recipient | Currently Receiving Social Security Disability | Currently Receiving Unemployment Benefits. The applicant must obtain a diagnosis & treatment plan before applying. The applicant agrees to provide updates & photos of the animal.

## Frankie's Friends

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

**Grants used for:** 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.

**Grant Information:** 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. Frankie's Friends does not reimburse for payments already made and will not consider reimbursement situations of any kind. All payments are made directly to the treating veterinarian and never to an individual.

Grants are not guaranteed, and will not exceed \$1000.00 per pet, per household. Due to the large volume of

applications we receive, the program is unable to help everyone who applies. Before applying, you must have a clear diagnosis, specific treatment plan in place, and an estimate of the cost of care from a veterinarian.

## **Friends and Vets Helping Pets**

<http://friendsandvetshelpingpets.org/>

**Grants used for:** 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.

**Grant Information:** 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. Friends & Vets Helping Pets is here to help during this difficult time. There are 3 partner veterinarians in South Carolina (your veterinarian does not have to be a partner veterinarian with FVHP.)

### **Foothills Veterinary Hospital**

Dr. Daniel C. Randall, DVM  
20 Rayford Lane Greenville, SC 29609  
Phone: 864-233-4347

### **Griffin Animal Hospital**

Dr. Kari Rosmer, DVM  
1510 Barnwell St. Columbia, SC 29201  
Phone: 803-758-1333

### **Upstate Veterinary Specialists**

Dr. Kate Margalit, DVM  
393 Woods Lane Road Greenville, SC 29607  
Phone: 864-233-7650

**Grant Eligibility:** Grants are made to individuals and families whose ability to pay is extremely limited, but also to those of somewhat more substantial means, up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, who may only need minor subsidy to meet the veterinary expenses. Financial aid is intended as a supplement to family resources. All applicants must be prepared to show financial need.

## **Handicapped Pets Foundation**

<https://hpets.org/>

**Grants used for:** 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 by donating new or reconditioned wheelchairs to pets-in-need.

**Grant Eligibility:** Proof of financial hardship. This involves a document with the pet owners name and address on it, that shows you are getting state aid or assistance. Among such programs include disability, welfare, food stamps, section 8 housing assistance, TANF, SSI, unemployment, and more.

## Hope Mending Hearts Foundation

<http://www.hopemendinghearts.net/grant-process/>

**Grants used for:** Financial assistance grants so pet owners, Good Samaritans and rescuers can care for animals who need urgent veterinary care.

**Grant Information:** The goal of the program is to help animals who need immediate veterinary care to survive. Due to the overwhelming number of applications we receive, we unfortunately cannot help everyone. The typical grant is \$100 to \$200. Decisions are based upon several factors, including: medical urgency, financial need, available funding, pet eligibility and pet owner financial status. Once an application is submitted online, you can expect to receive a response via e-mail or by phone within one to two business days.

**Grant Eligibility:** *The applicant (person/group applying for a grant) must:* Be seeking assistance for one animal in need of urgent medical care. Must have a veterinary diagnosis, prognosis and treatment plan. Understand that Hope Mending Hearts cannot pay for office exams or diagnostic testing. Demonstrate financial need. Make a concerted fundraising effort, attempting to find funding through your own means and personal contacts. See our suggestions for fundraising. Before Hope Mending Hearts grants can be approved, pet owners must first apply for Care Credit. Submit a completed application online. Provide updates, photos and video if Hope Mending Hearts is able to help. *The animal must:* Have a life-threatening injury or illness that requires urgent and specific treatment. Have a favorable prognosis. Be spayed or neutered (if the animal is not already spayed/neutered, please include plans for having this done when submitting the application).

## The Murphee & Sugar Angel Foundation

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

**Grants used for:** The Murphee and Sugar Angel Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) not for profit charitable foundation that was established in 2014. Our mission is to alleviate financial strain on pet owners who care for critically ill animals.

**Grant Information:** We recognize that many owners are financially unable to treat their pets as recommended by their veterinary specialist, or are unable to pay for expensive medications. We strive to provide assistance and help with this frustrating challenge. 100% of all donations are used specifically for assistance.

**Grant Eligibility:** Animal must have been diagnosed by a veterinarian with a critical illness, injury, or otherwise serious condition. Must be spayed or neutered. Have been examined by a veterinarian in the past year. For eligible pets, the Foundation may assist with: Medications, Diagnostics, Vet office visits, Procedures as deemed necessary by vet. At times, and on a case by case basis - Euthanasia

## The Pet Fund

<https://thepetfund.com/for-pet-owners>

**Grants used for:** The Pet Fund provides financial assistance for non-emergency veterinary care, up to \$500 per applicant, for non-routine, necessary treatments such as cancer treatment, heart disease, chronic conditions, endocrine diseases, eye diseases, etc.

**Grant Information:** The Pet Fund receives hundreds of requests daily from pet owners needing help, and we typically have a wait list for assistance. Eligible pet owners can apply for a one-time grant which must be for already adopted animals whose medical needs match our care category and wait list time. Pet owners must reside in the United States.

**Grant Eligibility:** Your animal must need non-basic, non-urgent care only, and both you and your companion animal must meet our program criteria. Your animal's medical needs must be able to wait the length of our current wait list, and; You must contact us by email with your request prior to sending your application. If you think your animal may be eligible for our program, email us at [info@thepetfund.com](mailto:info@thepetfund.com) with a description of your animal's medical needs. Include a phone number where you can be reached with your email as well. If your animal's medical needs match our program criteria, we will advise you to complete the application.

## The Riedel and Cody Fund

<https://wagglefoundation.org/riedelcody/>

**Grants used for:** A cancer diagnosis is terrifying and finding out that you're not alone is the best way to begin a healing journey. Often times lifesaving treatments are available and the side effects are minimal – our companions deserve to live.

**Grant Information:** The Pet Fund receives hundreds of requests daily from pet owners needing help, and we typically have a wait list for assistance. Eligible pet owners can apply for a one-time grant which must be for already adopted animals whose medical needs match our care category and wait list time. Pet owners must reside in the United States.

**Grant Eligibility:** You must have a confirmed cancer diagnosis from a board-certified veterinary oncologist to have your application reviewed. Determine how much you can reasonably afford to spend for your pet's treatment from your existing resources, via loans, Care Credit or other funding sources. Submit a Completed Application — After registering, you will be asked to complete an application which includes the info needed to start a Waggle crowdfunding campaign. All steps must be completed in order to be considered. You and your [veterinarian](#) will need to work together to complete this process. Please contact your provider to confirm they have received our notifications. Once submitted the RCF Board will review and you will be notified with a decision. Just because you submit an application, does not guarantee you will be awarded a grant.

## OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### Care Credit

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

From routine appointments to emergency situations or surgeries, the CareCredit card gives pet owners the peace of mind needed to care for pets big and small. Unlike traditional pet financing or veterinary payment plans, the CareCredit credit card gives you the flexibility to use your card again and again for your pet's procedures. Care Credit is subject to credit approval. Minimum monthly payments required. Not all promotional financing options are available at all enrolled providers. Ask your veterinarian for details. Promotional financing options are not available at all retail locations that accept CareCredit and standard account terms will apply to such purchases.

### ScratchPay

<https://scratchpay.com/>

ScratchPay offers simple and affordable payment plans for veterinary care. This option is a one-time loan, not a credit card. If approved for a ScratchPay loan, no need to keep track of a card, they pay for your pet's care directly to the hospital. Check your eligibility and rates without affecting your credit score.

Participating Clinics in Charleston

Oceanside Veterinary Clinic, PA  
1509 Folly Rd  
Charleston, SC, 29412  
(843) 795-7574

James Island Veterinary Hospital  
756 Folly Road  
Charleston, SC, 29412  
(843) 795-5295

Charleston Harbor Veterinarians  
280 Rutledge Ave  
Charleston, SC, 29403  
(843) 410-8290

West Ashley Veterinary Clinic  
840 Saint Andrews Boulevard  
Charleston, SC, 29407  
(843) 571-7095

Patrick Veterinary Clinic  
667 Meeting Street  
Charleston, SC, 29403

Animal Medical West – Charleston  
704 Orleans Road  
Charleston, SC, 29407  
(843) 766-7387

Animal Medical Center of Mt. Pleasant  
958 Houston Northcutt Boulevard  
Mount Pleasant, SC, 29464

Exotic Vet Care  
814 Johnnie Dodds Boulevard  
Mount Pleasant, SC, 29464  
(843) 216-8387

***Please know there are many other resources out there and we suggest you continue looking online, within your own community, friends and family for assistance.***