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Low-Cost Veterinary Clinics

A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter's Blessed Bonds Program – Naperville, IL

Spay, neuter, and other low-cost veterinary services for families in DuPage County that require financial assistance.

Requirements: Individuals must meet state income guidelines to receive help.

<https://www.adoptpetshelter.org>

(630) 355-2299 x223

AD Park Pet Clinic – Villa Park, IL

Ad Park Pet Clinic is an affordably priced full-service veterinary hospital for cats and dogs. They offer low-cost spay and neuter surgeries, free puppy and kitten exams, reasonable vaccine packages, and more.

Requirements: Individuals can take advantage of pet insurance to help with funding through AD Park. Otherwise, payments are due at the time services are rendered. Visit their website for more information.

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

(630) 916-1600

Animal Care League – Oak Park, IL

(This program has been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

Animal Care League's clinic offers low-cost spay and neuter surgeries, low-cost microchipping, and low-cost vaccines.

Requirements: Email support@animalcareleague.org to see if you qualify for their pet and people support program.

<https://www.animalcareleague.org>

(708) 848-8155



Anti-Cruelty Society – Chicago, IL

(This program has been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

The Anti-Cruelty Society's Spay/Neuter Clinic can offer these necessary surgeries, along with other care, at a significantly reduced price thanks to the generosity of committed donors.

Requirements: Contact the clinic at (312) 645-8051 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for program criteria.

<https://anticruelty.org/spay-neuter/>

(312) 702-6004

Cat Nap from the Heart – La Grange Park, IL

(Serves dogs and rabbits too)

Cat Nap provides low-cost spay and neuter surgeries and preventative/routine care, including vaccinations, heartworm tests, and microchips. Contact the clinic for more information.

<https://catnapfromtheheart.org/catnap-clinic>

(708) 352-3914

Fox Valley Animal Welfare League – North Aurora, IL

Spay and neuter surgeries for animal welfare organizations, low-income families, and the general public

Requirements: Individuals receiving Social Security Benefits, Disability Benefits, or Unemployment Benefits are eligible to receive discounts. Visit their website for more information.

<https://www.fvawf.org/clinic-services/>

(630) 800-2254



NAWS Animal Clinics – Mokena, IL

(This program has been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

NAWS focuses primarily on affordable spay/neuter and minor surgeries, as well as general veterinary services.

Requirements: Everyone is welcome to utilize their services as their mission is to prevent unwanted litters and the overpopulation of pets. Current pricing of services can be viewed on their website.

<https://www.nawsus.org/medical-services>

(708) 478-5102

PAWS Chicago/PAWS Chicago Lurie Clinic – Chicago, IL

Low-cost spay or neuter surgeries for pets. They also offer spay and neuter events in various communities at little to no cost. For a list of upcoming low or no-cost spay and neuter events, visit their website.

<https://www.pawschicago.org>

(773) 521-7729

South Suburban Humane Society/ South Suburban Low-Cost Veterinary Services – Chicago Heights, IL

South Suburban Humane Society provides low-cost veterinary services, including spay and neuter surgeries. For a list of low or no-cost spay and neuter events, visit their website.

<https://www.southsuburbanhumanesociety.org>

(708) 755-1110

SNIP Society – Joliet, IL

SNIP Society offers low-cost spay and neuter services to price-conscious families and animal shelters in Illinois. They also offer vaccines, dental cleanings (coming soon), low-cost orthopedic surgery, and flea/tick and heartworm preventative medications at discount prices.

<https://www.snipsociety.org>

(815) 630-4411



Organizations that assist with Veterinary Costs, Supplies, etc.

American Animal Hospital Associations Helping Pets Fund

What they fund: Animal medical expenses for owners who are either unemployed or underemployed.

How they determine funding: To determine if you meet the requirements for this program, call (866) 443-5738.

https://www.needhelp-paying-bills.com/html/get_help_from_the_american_animal_hospital_associations_helping_pets_fund.html

APA Head to Tails Hope Fund

What they fund: Medical care for non-basic veterinary care. Funds are distributed directly to the treating veterinarians.

How they determine funding: Applications and guidelines are available on their website to assess eligibility. Funding assistance is available once per animal through this organization.

<https://apamo.org/wellness/heads-to-tails-hope-fund>

Brown Dog Foundation, Inc.

What they fund: Veterinary bills – working with the vet and the owner to find the best, most affordable path to saving a pet. Brown Dog does not reimburse the owner for bills already paid.

How they determine funding: Individuals must submit a complete application and demonstrate financial need. Please read the full approval process procedures before applying.

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



Big Hearts Fund

What they fund: Financial assistance for the diagnosis and treatment of canine and feline heart disease.

How they determine funding: The funding application must be complete. Grants are limited to payments for veterinary services only on a pre-approved basis.

<http://bigheartfund.org/>

Bow Wow Foundation

What they fund: Veterinary expenses for necessary and emergency treatment. Funding is provided to owners and rescues as a grant of up to \$2,500.

How they determine funding: Through an application form on their website.

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

Compassionate Assistance Program (for Diabetic Cats in Need)

(This is a U.S. non-profit despite its UK website)

What they fund: Certain insulins and other pet supplies for low-income caregivers.

How they determine funding: Submit an application to DCIN's Executive Director at Jenna@dcin.info. See website for application information.

<http://fdmb-cin.blogspot.com/>

Dr. Steve Abrams Memorial Foundation (PetSavers, Inc.)

What they fund: Emergency veterinary expenses for owners in financial hardship.

How they determine funding: Through an application that is available on their website with more details. Those applying for financial assistance must have the sponsorship of a licensed veterinarian.

<https://doctorsteve.org/pet-parents-support/>



For the Love of Alex

What they fund: Emergency veterinary care for animals whose owners cannot afford the treatment. Funding is sent directly to veterinary clinics only.

How they determine funding: Through a pre-application and complete application if you qualify. For more details, visit their website.

<https://www.fortheloveofalex.org/help-my-pet>

For The Love of Pets

What they fund: Emergency medical care for qualifying pet owners.

How they determine funding: To determine eligibility, contact this organization through the “contact us” section of their website.

<https://www.loveofpets.org>

Frankie’s Friends

What they fund: Lifesaving veterinary care for cats and dogs whose owners are experiencing financial hardship, especially during the pandemic.

How they determine funding: To apply for funding, visit their website to see if you qualify and then fill out an application.

<http://www.frankiesfriends.org/>

Friends & Vets Helping Pets

What they fund: Treatments for curable (lifesaving, not life-prolonging) diseases such as tumors, broken bones, ambulatory care, expensive medication, or post-surgical prosthetics such as a K-9 cart. Friends & Vets Helping Pets does not fund routine vet care, diagnostics like ultrasound and MRI tests or preventative measures. They work on a pre-approval basis and do not fund treatments that have already occurred.

How they determine funding: To see if you qualify, first fill out the initial qualification form on their website.

<https://friendsandvetshelpingpets.org/need-assitance>



Handicapped Pets Foundation

What they fund: The health and well-being of elderly, disabled, and injured animals through wheelchair donations.

How they determine funding: There is no funding available from The Handicapped Pets Foundation, only wheelchair donations to qualifying individuals. Apply for assistance on their website.

<http://hpets.org/>

Lexie's Love

What they fund: Non-urgent medical care for animals of owners who cannot afford treatment on their own.

How they determine funding: By an application process on their website. See the grant application page for more details.

<https://www.lexieslove.com>

Magic Bullet Fund

What they fund: Cancer treatment, surgery, and chemotherapy only.

How they determine funding: Through an application on their website. Please read all requirements before applying.

<http://themagicbulletfund.org/>

Mosby Foundation

What they fund: The care of critically sick, injured, abused, and neglected dogs through financial support and public education.

How they determine funding: Through an application process available (along with requirements) on their website.

<http://themosbyfoundation.org/>



Onyx and Breezy Foundation

What they fund: Food, medicine, supplies, medical hardship, dogs for veterans with PTSD, equipment for medical facilities, and more.

How they determine funding: An application is required to request funding. Find more details to see if you may qualify on their website.

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

Paws 4 A Cure

What they fund: Financial assistance for veterinary care.

How they determine funding: Through an application process. Read the instructions to apply on their website.

<https://www.thepetfund.com>

R.A.C.E. (Pawsitively Famous, Inc.)

What they fund: Financial assistance for veterinary care and transportation of adopted animals.

How they determine funding: Through a request form on their Facebook page. There are separate forms for veterinary and transportation assistance. Visit the “services” tab on their Facebook page for more information.

<https://www.race4ran.com>

RedRover Relief Urgent Care Grants

What they fund: Urgent and emergency medical care.

How they determine funding: Through a pre-application process and then a complete grant application. The grant amount is typically \$200. More information is available on their website.

<https://redrover.org/relief/urgent-care-grants>



Riedel and Cody Fund

What they fund: Cancer treatment and diagnosis.

How they determine funding: Through an application process on their website. Grants are applied as fixed dollar/crowd-funded awards through Waggle.org. Visit their website for more details.

<http://riedelcody.org/>

ScratchPay

(A payment plan, not financial assistance. You must visit a participating vet.)

What they fund: Veterinary services.

How they determine funding: By entering your information on their website, they decide whether you qualify for a payment plan for veterinary costs. This application does not impact your credit score. More information is available on their website.

<https://scratchpay.com>

Spay Illinois

What they fund: Discounted veterinary services for individuals who receive food stamps or disability income.

How they determine funding: Mention the project “families forever” with a receptionist and show proof of qualifying program membership and photo ID.

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

StaRelief Home For Life Grant

What they fund: Veterinary expenses for pet families in need.

How they determine funding: Through an application on their website. Visit the “home for life grant” page to see if you qualify.

<https://starelf.org/aid-a-pet-grant/>



The Pet Fund

What they fund: Non-basic, non-urgent care for issues such as cancer treatment or heart disease for owners needing financial assistance.

How they determine funding: To request funding, owners must first email The Pet Fund at info@thepetfund.com with a description of the animal's medical needs.

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

Violet's Friends in Need

What they fund: Urgent or critical veterinary care as well as therapy for animals in need.

How they determine funding: Through a pre-application process that allows for a complete application for individuals who qualify. For more information, visit their website.

<https://oscarnewman.com/pages/violets-friends-applicant-pre-requisites>

Waggle

What they fund: Veterinary services to reduce economic euthanasia through a crowdfunding platform.

How they determine funding: Owners must provide information, including their veterinarian, to post their story and request funding. For the complete application process, visit the Waggle website.

<https://waggle.org/>



Breed Specific Foundations

CorgiAid

What they fund: Medical expenses for corgi and corgi mixes.

How they determine funding: Through an application on their website. Owners must submit proof that their dog is a corgi or corgi mix to apply.

<https://corgiaid.org/wp/>

Labrador Life Line

What they fund: Medical expenses for Labrador owners.

How they determine funding: Through an application reviewed by the Labrador Life Line board and president.

<http://www.labradorlifeline.org/>

Special Needs Dobermans

What they fund: Medical expenses for Doberman owners.

How they determine funding: To request funding, send an email to info@doberman911.org to see if you qualify.

<https://doberman911.org/gethelp.html>



Pet Food-Specific Pantries

Bruno's Pro-Bone-O Pet Pantry – Hanover Park, IL

What they Provide: Help for pet owners who cannot afford pet supplies due to financial hardship. Bruno's helps military veterans, especially those with PTSD.

How to Apply: Go to the "how to apply" section of their website.

<http://www.brunospantry.com>

Care For Real Pet Pantry – Chicago, IL

What they Provide: Monthly pet food distributions every Thursday of the month from 3 pm to 5pm.

How to Apply: Contact Care For Real at (773) 769-6182 or email the office at CareforReal.org for more information.

<https://careforreal.org/services-programs/pet-pantry/>

C.A.R.E.'S Pet Food Pantry – Skokie, IL

What they Provide: Pet food for qualifying owners in the Chicagoland area.

How to Apply: For instructions on how to apply, visit their website.

<https://carenorthshore.org/pantry>

DuPage Senior Citizens Council – Lombard, IL

What they Provide: Pet food and veterinary care for animals of seniors who have difficulty taking care of themselves or their pets.

How to Apply: Contact the council for more information at (630) 620-0804.

<https://www.dupageseniorcouncil.org>



Evanston Animal Shelter COVID-19 Pet Food Assistance – Evanston, IL

What they Provide: Pet food and supplies to urgent cases only, due to COVID-19.

How to Apply: Call (847) 866-5082 for more information.

<http://evanstonanimalshelter.net/covid-19-preparedness/>

Friendship Pet Food Pantry: Chicago, IL – Lincoln Square

What they Provide: Pet food to individuals every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am to 11 am.

How to Apply: Visit their website for program guidelines.

<http://www.friendshipcenterchicago.org/get-help>

Humanitarian Services Project – Carol Stream, IL

What they Provide: Groceries and pet food delivery services to the elderly in DuPage county.

How to Apply: Contact a caseworker on their website to apply.

<https://hsp.agency>

Irving Park Community Food Pantry- Pet Corner – Chicago, IL

What they Provide: Pet food for eligible owners in the 60641 or 60618 area codes.

How to Apply: Contact them at (773) 283-6296 for more information.

<https://irvingparkfoodpantry.com/pet-food-corner-support/>

Kendell County Community Food Pantry – Yorkville, IL

What they Provide: Pet food, once per month, for Kendall, DeKalb, or LaSalle County residents.

How to Apply: Directions to register are found on their website.

<https://kccfoodpantry.org/pet-care>



Red Door Shelter Café Program – Chicago, IL

What they Provide: 7 to 10 days of dog or cat food for fixed and low-income families per month.

How to Apply: To view the requirements for assistance, visit their website.

http://reddoorshelter.org/animal_cafe_program.php

Wet Nose Food Pantry – Lemont, IL

What they Provide: Pet food assistance, once per month, by appointment only.

How to Apply: Visit their website to view requirements and to fill out an application.

<https://wetnosepetfoodpantry.webstarts.com/index.html>

Wright-Way Rescue Pet Food Bank Program – Morton Grove, IL

What they Provide: Wet or dry food to qualifying residents in the Chicagoland area.

How to Apply: Applications are available on their website.

<https://www.wright-wayrescue.org>



Local Food Pantries to Whom West Suburban Humane Society Donates Pet Food

Lisle Township Food Pantry – Lisle, IL

Lisle Township Food Pantry provides 7-day distribution to eligible residents in Lisle. For more information on how to become a client and the necessary documentation, visit their website.

<https://www.lisletownship.com/food-pantry/>

People's Resource Center – Westmont, IL

All residents of DuPage County are eligible to become a People's Resource Center client. Visit during food pantry hours to fill out an application or call (630) 682-5402 or visit their website for more information.

<https://www.peoplesrc.org/food-pantry/>

West Suburban Community Pantry – Woodridge, IL

For residents of DuPage County, Romeoville, and Bolingbrook who meet the federal income guidelines. Call (630) 512-9921 or visit their website for more information.

<https://wspantry.org>



DuPage County People Food Pantries that May also Have Pet Food

Downers Grove Area FISH – Downers Grove, IL

For qualified residents in Lisle, Downers Grove, or Westmont. Call (630) 964-7776 or email info@downersgrovefish.org for more details.

<https://www.downersgrovefish.org/services>

Glen Ellyn Food Pantry – Glen Ellyn, IL

For qualified residents in Glen Ellyn, Lombard, Carol Stream, Wheaton, Lisle, Glendale Heights, Bloomingdale, or Addison. Contact them at (630) 469-8668 or visit their website for more information.

<https://www.glenellynfoodpantry.org>

Loaves and Fishes – Naperville, IL

Loaves and Fishes Naperville has many services to help low-income families. Eligibility is based on the IL Emergency Food Program income guidelines. They serve all of Naperville, Aurora, DuPage County, and parts of Will County. Call (630) 355-3663 or visit their website for more information on the programs they offer.

<https://www.loaves-fishes.org/programs/cares/>



Emergency Short Term Pet Care

A.D.O.P.T. Naperville Blessed Bonds Program – Naperville, IL

The Blessed Bonds Program offers temporary assistance to those who want to keep their animal companions, but are having difficulties that prevent them from meeting their pets' daily needs. Assistance Provided • Problem-solving counseling and education. • Foster care, for up to two months, when space is available. • Food and other pet care essentials. • Information & referral services for other organizations, such as pet food banks, lowcost spay/neuter and vaccine clinics, and other temporary foster programs Pets should be up to date on vaccinations and spayed/neutered prior to entering the program with supporting vet records.

How to Apply: If you need help getting your pet up-to-date or spayed/neutered, please indicate this when submitting your application; their on-site spay/neuter clinic is typically able to help. You can complete an application on their web site.

<https://adoptpetshelter.org/clinic/crisis-assistance>

(630) 355-2299

Anti-Cruelty Society S.A.F.E. program – Chicago, IL

The Anti-Cruelty Society has established the SAFE program which provides 30 days of free care to approved applicants, this invaluable service keeps pets safe while their owners seek out new housing. The Anti-Cruelty Society will provide daily food, water, socialization, exercise, and basic preventive medical care for pets in the program. Pets admitted into the program will also receive vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and a microchip, free of charge, if needed.

Confidentiality is of utmost importance. Animals who are admitted into the program are either housed on-site or are placed in one of our licensed foster homes. Owners whose pets remain on-site are encouraged to visit weekly. Pets who are housed in foster care are not available for visitation. The SAFE Program is for one-time use. Applicants who have utilized the service in the past will not be eligible to enroll again. SAFE clients are required to communicate their housing status weekly. Pets who are entering the program must be in good health and behaviorally sound. Program space is limited. Clients are served on a firstcome, first-served basis.

<https://www.anticruelty.org/safe>

(312) 287-6289



Naperville Humane Society's Safe Pets Program – Naperville, IL

The Safe Pets program assists families in crisis, due to issues such as domestic violence or homelessness, by offering space in their shelter to care for the family cats or dogs on a temporary basis. Through our Safe Pets program, pets are granted a temporary safe haven and families can begin putting the pieces of their lives back together. They are limited on the number of Safe Pets they can help at one time.

How to apply: Call if you need Safe Pet assistance.

<https://www.naperhumane.org/resources>

(630) 420-8989 x1005

PAWS Chicago COVID-19 Crisis Foster Care – Chicago, IL

PAWS Chicago's loving foster families are ready to help you care for your pets during this unprecedented crisis. Whether you're working around the clock to care for COVID-19 patients, recovering from the virus yourself, or experiencing financial hardship, PAWS offers temporary foster homes for cats or dogs.

How to apply: Complete a form on their website. They will make every effort to find a qualified, temporary foster family in the area to care for and protect your pet.

<https://www.pawschicago.org/our-work/crisis-support/covid-19-crisis-foster-care/>

(773) 521-7729