



## **Financial Assistance**

\*Please note: The organizations listed below provide financial assistance to help cover the cost of medical care for companion animals. Each organization is independent and has their own set of rules and guidelines. The inclusion of a service, organization or program in this listing is NOT an endorsement, recommendation or guarantee of funds. Generally, grants can only cover a small portion of care, so it's important to check with several sources, as well as try and raise funds on your own.

\*Most grants require **at least** these three things when applying:

1. A diagnosis by a veterinarian
2. Proof that the individual applying has been denied Care Credit or granted limited funds
3. Proof that the animal is spayed/neutered or that it will be performed during treatment

## **Emergency Care:**

**The Shakespeare Animal Fund:** [www.shakespeareanimalfund.org](http://www.shakespeareanimalfund.org) (775)342-7040

Small grants of between \$50 and \$100 typically to people on a fixed income or with annual incomes below the federal poverty guidelines

**Red Rover (formerly United Animal Nations):** [www.redrover.org](http://www.redrover.org)

Provides grants around \$200 for situations where urgent care is needed for a pet

**Rose's Fund for Animals:** [www.rosesfund.com](http://www.rosesfund.com)

For pets/found animal that has a life-threatening illness, injury or condition with a good prognosis to survive

**Brown Dog Foundation:** [www.browndogfoundation.org](http://www.browndogfoundation.org)

For those who have no money immediately available for the care of cats and dogs that are sick or injured and would respond to treatment

**Paws 4 a Cure:** [www.paws4acure.org](http://www.paws4acure.org)

Helps dogs and cats with injuries and illnesses

**Prince Chunk Foundation:** [www.princechunkfoundation.org](http://www.princechunkfoundation.org)

Emergency Care for cats and dogs (possibly other pets in the future) \*Low-income individuals or those experiencing financial crisis are encourage to pre-apply

**Pet Assistance Inc.:** [www.petassistanceinc.org](http://www.petassistanceinc.org)

Helps long time pet owners with financial aid for urgent or life-threatening emergencies only

For questions contact [getapet@gmail.com](mailto:getapet@gmail.com)

**Pets of the Homeless:** [www.petsofthehomeless.org](http://www.petsofthehomeless.org)

Resource center for pet food assistance, wellness clinics, and emergency veterinary care

For emergency vet care, call 775-841-7463 to see if you qualify



**Friends & Vets Helping Pets:** <http://friendsandvethelpingpets.org> 859-309-2043

For applicants in financial need for their pet's curable diseases such as tumors, broken bones, ambulatory care, expensive medication or post-surgical prosthetics

[info@friendsandvetshelpingpets.org](mailto:info@friendsandvetshelpingpets.org)

**Dylan's Heart:** [www.dylanshearts.com](http://www.dylanshearts.com)

Must be requested through attending veterinarian for a life threatening or critical injury or illness with a favorable outcome with care – owner must be on a form of government aid

**Assistance Dog Partners:** [www.iaadp.org](http://www.iaadp.org)

For emergency veterinary care for service dogs only and must be contacted by vet

**The Letters Foundation:** [www.letters.foundation/](http://www.letters.foundation/)

Not pet care specific: "The Letter's Foundation is a foundation of last resort that provides humanitarian grants to people experiencing a crisis through no fault of their own, when no other options exist. These one-time grants provide a hand-up to individuals as they work to stabilize their lives."

To apply write a detailed letter including full name return address, birthday, email, phone number and the current situation and send it to:

Letters Foundation  
292 Newbury Street Suite 503  
Boston, MA 02115

## **Non-Urgent Care/Cancer Treatment Assistance:**

**Wylie Animal Rescue Foundation:** [www.tahoewarf.com](http://www.tahoewarf.com)

Low cost spay/neuter [spayneuter@tahoewarf.com](mailto:spayneuter@tahoewarf.com)

Medical Help [help@tahoewarf.com](mailto:help@tahoewarf.com)

**The Pet Fund:** [www.thepetfund.com](http://www.thepetfund.com)

Can apply for a one-time grant that match their care category of non-basic, non-urgent care like cancer treatment, heart disease, etc.

[info@thepetfund.com](mailto:info@thepetfund.com)

**Onyx and Breezy Fund:** [www.onyxandbreezy.org](http://www.onyxandbreezy.org)

Can apply for financial aid for medical treatment, medication, pet food, and spay/neuter with proof of low income/need

**The Reidel & Cody Fund:** <http://riedelcody.org/>

Support for pets suffering with cancer – funding for chemotherapy and radiation treatment

**The Mosby Fund:** [www.themosbyfoundation.org](http://www.themosbyfoundation.org)

For vet-confirmed critical situations that are non-basic and non-urgent

**Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Programs:** [www.fveap.org](http://www.fveap.org)

Only helping Vaccine Associated Sarcoma (VAC) in cats



**The Magic Bullet Fund:** [www.themagicbulletfund.org](http://www.themagicbulletfund.org)

Cancer specific, help for families with dogs that have cancer, but can't afford treatment

## **General:**

### **Vaccine Clinics:**

**Nevada Humane Society:** [www.nevadahumanesociety.org](http://www.nevadahumanesociety.org)

Click on the NHS Veterinary Clinic Services tab for times and pricing information

**Washoe County Regional Animal Services:** <https://www.washoecounty.us/animal/>

The first Tuesday of every month from 3:00PM to 7:00PM (Free microchips offered Mon-Fri 10AM-4PM with no appointment)

\*The inclusion of these clinics or companies is for informational purposes only and does not qualify as an endorsement of the businesses.

### **Low Cost Clinics:**

\*Some veterinary offices will offer a free initial visit or reduced pricing (please note, policies may change over time). This does not include treatment or emergency cases.

- A. Banfield Pet Hospital: [www.banfield.com](http://www.banfield.com)
  - \*Reno (775)746-0672
  - \*Sparks (775)354-1913
  
- B. VCA Pet Hospital: <http://pets.vcahospitals.com/>
  - \*(844) 770-0110
  
- C. All Creatures Veterinary Hospital:
  - \*First visit ½ price – monthly discounts
  - \*(775) 432-7332

### **Pet Prescription Companies:**

- 1. Pet Care Rx: [www.petcarerx.com](http://www.petcarerx.com)
- 2. Doctors Foster and Smith: [www.drsfostersmith.com](http://www.drsfostersmith.com) 1(800)381-7179
- 3. 1-800-Pet Meds: [www.1800petmeds.com/official\\_site](http://www.1800petmeds.com/official_site) 1(800)738-6337
- 4. Valley Vet Supply: [www.valleyvet.com](http://www.valleyvet.com) 1(800)419-9524

## **Other Possible Sources of Financial Assistance:**

\*Apply for a credit card that offers flexible financing for veterinary care, like CareCredit or a Citi Health Card.



\*Set up an 'Emergency Fund' at your bank. This makes saving easier by having a percentage of your balance taken out every month and placed in a separate account. Over time, a large amount is then available when an emergency strikes.

\*If you have a purebred dog or cat, check if that specific breed club or rescue can offer assistance.

\*The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) does not provide direct financial assistance to pet owners for veterinary or any other expenses, but have a resource page for additional suggestions [http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/trouble\\_affording\\_veterinary\\_care.html?credit=web\\_id97829156](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/trouble_affording_veterinary_care.html?credit=web_id97829156)

\*Consider purchasing pet insurance for your pets. For information about pet insurance, see <https://www.avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/pet-insurance.aspx>

\*Most vet schools treat pets at a reduced cost. In Nevada our closest vet schools are:  
1. UC Davis – Davis, CA  
2. Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine – Pomona, CA

\*Post messages to e-groups that allow fundraising requests, such as Yahoo! Groups

\*Use a fundraising website! Many charge varying fees and will require a PayPal account

- a. [www.giveforward.com](http://www.giveforward.com)
- b. [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)
- c. [www.youcaring.com](http://www.youcaring.com) (this website is free)
- d. [www.fundrazr.com](http://www.fundrazr.com)
- e. [www.crowdrise.com](http://www.crowdrise.com)

\*A small events or local fundraisers can raise significant funds if they are well planned and executed:

1. Make Donation Coin Cans – Place cans with an appealing photo of your pet and a brief explanation of the medical care needed around the community. Ask your veterinarian if you can place one on their reception desk. Put one on your desk at work, and ask anyone who may agree to place one where the public will see it.
2. Neighborhood Yard Sale – Ask friends, family and neighbors to donate items. Publicize the sale in the local paper and with posters.
3. Bake Sale – Handled much the same way as a yard sale, but must be in a high traffic area where many people will pass by.
4. Recycling Can Drive – Plan a collection drive for recyclable deposit cans and bottles. This requires advertising and transportation of the cans and bottles to the recycle center.

**For any questions concerning these resources, please feel free to contact the Nevada Humane Society Animal Help Desk by email or phone.**

**[animalhelp@nevadahumanesociety.org](mailto:animalhelp@nevadahumanesociety.org)**

**(775) 856-2000 ext. 200**