



## Humane Society of Western Montana

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### Veterinary Assistance Funds

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#### Local Veterinary and Spay/Neuter Assistance

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- Spay/neuter clinics and assistance for low-income families
- Nandi Wishcamper Fund: monetary assistance for emergency vet care
- Senior Nandi Wishcamper Fund: monetary assistance for senior pet owners with senior pets
- **Contact:** Mariah Scheskie, Program Manager, 406-549-3934, [outreach@myHSWM.org](mailto:outreach@myHSWM.org)

##### Friends of the Shelter, Missoula Animal Control

- Spay/neuter clinics and assistance
- Monetary assistance for emergency veterinary care
- **Contact:** Missoula Animal Control, 406-541-PETS (7387)

##### Fox Hollow Animal Project

[www.mtcan.org/FoxHollowAnimalProject.html](http://www.mtcan.org/FoxHollowAnimalProject.html)

- Dedicated to ending pet overpopulation by providing high-volume, high-quality, targeted, affordable sterilization services to companion animals.
- **Contact:** (406) 273-6007

##### Spay Montana

- Spay Montana is a program of the Lewis & Clark Humane Society with a mission to continue to address the consequences of animal overpopulation by focusing on large volume, no cost, low cost community based spay neuter clinics.
- **Contact:** Sandy Newton, Program Manager (406) 431-4996, [sandy@spaymontana.org](mailto:sandy@spaymontana.org); Chris Minatelli, Program Coordinator 406.465.3421; P. O. Box 4455 Helena, Mt. 59624

##### Montana Spay/Neuter Task Force

[www.mtspayneutertaskforce.org](http://www.mtspayneutertaskforce.org)

- **Contact:** (406) 586 -1152; [mtspayneutertaskforce@yahoo.com](mailto:mtspayneutertaskforce@yahoo.com); PO Box 294, Butte, MT 59703

##### Montana Companion Animal Network

[www.mtcan.org](http://www.mtcan.org)

- Dedicated to ending pet overpopulation by providing high-volume, high-quality, targeted, affordable sterilization services to companion animals.
- Offers assistance with spay and neuter surgeries, veterinary care and rental deposits as funds are available.
- Contact: Judy, (406) 961-3029, [judy@mtcan.org](mailto:judy@mtcan.org); Mary, [mary@mtcan.org](mailto:mary@mtcan.org)

## **National Veterinary Assistance Funds**

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### **Angels4Animals**

[www.angels4animals.org](http://www.angels4animals.org)

- Angels4Animals has a mission to serve as the guardian angel of animals whose caretakers find themselves in difficult financial situations. At Angels4Animals believes that animal owners should not have to say goodbye to the animals that they love.
- Participants are selected after filling out an eligibility assessment application.
- Precedence is given to those that have the shortest amount of time to make a decision and/or to those that can demonstrate the greatest amount of negative impact on family life if the pet was gone.

### **Animal Emergency Care Fund**

[www.animalemergencycarefund.org](http://www.animalemergencycarefund.org)

- The Animal Emergency Care Fund is a nonprofit organization formed to assist pet owners with the high cost of life saving emergency veterinary care. Their mission is to provide assistance with the cost of life saving emergency veterinary care and to provide assistance with wellness visits and pet food supplies for families who cannot afford basic pet care.
- Pet owners may request on application by email, fax or mail.
- The completed form, along with a \$10 processing fee should be mailed and will be evaluated based on the poverty income guidelines for the county in which the pet owner lives and works.
- **Contact:** [info@animalemergencycarefund.org](mailto:info@animalemergencycarefund.org), Fax (520) 888-9566, 450 N. Silverbell Road, Tuscon, AZ 85745

### **Brown Dog Foundation**

[www.browndogfoundation.org](http://www.browndogfoundation.org)

- Offers pet owners in a temporary financial crisis an alternative to euthanasia when their pet faces a treatable but life-threatening illness.
- Participants must qualify through the approval process by completing the Pre-Qualification Survey.

### **Canine Cancer Awareness**

[www.caninecancerawareness.org](http://www.caninecancerawareness.org)

- Assists with veterinary care for dogs with cancer whose families are financially unable to provide treatment.
- Participants must have a confirmed cancer diagnosis from their veterinarian to have the application reviewed.
- An application is considered complete once all required documents have been provided and the entire application has been correctly filled out and submitted. Once the application is complete, CCA confirms all veterinary/oncology information with the vet/oncologist and complete a financial review.

### **CareCredit**

[www.carecredit.com](http://www.carecredit.com)

- Financing for veterinary care at participating veterinary practices.
- You can use the card for most procedures and items purchased at any veterinary facility that accepts CareCredit.
- Local participating practices include: Pruyn Veterinary Hospital, Missoula Veterinary Specialty, Western Montana Equine, Horizon Veterinary Hospital

### **Cats in Crisis**

[www.catsincrisis.org](http://www.catsincrisis.org)

Dedicated to helping cats and kittens with special medical needs. Believes in a commitment for life and feels that no special-needs cat should be euthanized due to a caretaker's limited financial means.

- Participants must complete an application for assistance, provide proof of financial need and explanation of extenuating financial circumstances and provide an estimate of veterinary costs.
- Accepting applications based on available funding.

### **Cody's Club**

[www.codysclub.bravehost.com](http://www.codysclub.bravehost.com)

- 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 committee that meets monthly.
- Submit a request in writing explaining why your pet needs radiation and your financial need. A letter from the treating veterinarian MUST accompany the application, outlining the animal's condition, cost of treatment and prognosis.
- **Contact:** Cody's Club, 46 Webster Park Ave, Columbus, OH 43214, email [kraft.42@osu.edu](mailto:kraft.42@osu.edu)

### **Feline Outreach**

[www.felineoutreach.org](http://www.felineoutreach.org)

- Assists feline owners with unanticipated veterinary expenses rather than ongoing
- Participants can access application online
- Applications will be considered based on the amount of assistance needed and the applicant's income and debt
- Feline Outreach Inc. focuses on assistance for specific past or future expenditures rather than ongoing routine care
- An interest-free loan option is available.

### **Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program (FVEAP)**

[www.fveap.org](http://www.fveap.org)

- Provides emergency financial assistance to cat and kitten guardians who are unable to afford veterinary services to save their companion when life-threatening illness or injury strikes.
- Participants must apply for assistance via FVEAP website.
- Cannot assist with routine exams, vaccinations, insulin treatment, or Spay/Neuter surgery.
- Has a specialized dedicated fund (Kobi's Fund) for cats with Vaccine Associated Sarcoma (VAS) (also known as Injection Site Sarcoma).
- Accepting applications based on available funding.

### **Help-A-Pet**

[www.help-a-pet.org](http://www.help-a-pet.org)

- Provides financial assistance nationwide for the medical care of pets whose owners are unable to afford the expense.
- Participants must apply for assistance via Help-A-Pet website.
- To qualify, your annual income must be below \$20,000 for an individual household or \$40,000 for a family household (amount varies upon the number of dependents). Due to limited funding, financial assistance can only be provided once per pet.

### **GiveForward**

[www.giveforward.com](http://www.giveforward.com)

- Website that allows individuals to set up Internet-based fundraising webpage.

### **In Memory of Magic (IMOM)**

[www.imom.org](http://www.imom.org)

- To better the lives of sick, injured and abused companion animals; dedicated to ensure that no companion animal has to be euthanized simply because their caretaker is financially challenged.
- Participants must: have daily internet access, qualify as low-income, and have their pet spayed/neutered.
- No assistance for chronic illness treatment or orthopedic surgery (unless need for surgery is result of an accident).
- Currently only assisting with life-threatening medical emergencies.

### **The Magic Bullet Fund**

[www.themagicbulletfund.org](http://www.themagicbulletfund.org)

- Helps people who have made room in their homes and hearts for a canine companion, but do not have the financial resources to provide cancer treatment.
- Fund assists with tumor removal surgery and chemotherapy for lymphoma.
- Participant's dog must have been diagnosed with cancer and a vet said that surgery or chemotherapy may extend your dog's life by an additional year. Dog must be appropriate age.
- Participants must: have daily internet access and not be able to afford treatment.

### **The Mosby Foundation**

[www.themosbyfoundation.org](http://www.themosbyfoundation.org)

- Assists in the veterinary care of critically sick, injured, abused and neglected dogs.
- Participants must complete an application (materials are online) and allow for verification of medical need and services.

### **Muffin Pet Diabetes Support Group: Relief Fund**

[www.petdiabetes.net/fund](http://www.petdiabetes.net/fund)

- Assists with costs of veterinary care for diabetic pets.
- The applicant must be in financial need and be unable to pay the cost for treatment; must contribute financially to some degree and if need be, apply for CitiHealth, CareCredit or similar institution and either is denied or approved for limited funding; must be appreciative of the financial assistance if they have been approved for a assistance; agree to repay the Fund if their financial condition changes in the future; and provide Muffin with updates and photos. Applicant will be required to send an email update to Muffin at least once per week.
- Application materials are online.

### **The Pet Fund**

[www.thepetfund.com](http://www.thepetfund.com)

- The Pet Fund assists owners in covering medical costs beyond the normal expenses of vaccination, spay and neuter surgeries, food and routine veterinary care.
- Participants must complete an online application including proof of income and a cost estimate of veterinary care.

### **United Animal Nations (UAN): LifeLine Grant Program**

[www.uan.org](http://www.uan.org)

- The LifeLine Grant Program provides funding to Good Samaritans, animal rescuers and pet owners to help them care for animals in life-threatening situations.
- The goal of the program is to help animals who would not receive treatment without LifeLine funds. The typical grant is \$100 to \$300. Grants are intended to fill a small funding gap to allow treatment to occur. These grants enable one animal to receive urgent care.
- Applicants must have obtained a diagnosis, prognosis and treatment plan; make a concerted fundraising effort; submit a completed application online; and provide UAN with updates.