



# Vet Care Resources

## ASSISTANCE WITH THE COST OF VETERINARY CARE FOR FAMILIES IN MISSOURI

If your animal needs a medical procedure you cannot afford, there are many resources that may be able to help! It's unlikely that one organization will pay the bill in its entirety, so be sure to contact and utilize more than one of these resources.



### CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

#### Armani's Angels

Financial assistance for emergency veterinary care of cats and dogs. Missouri only. [www.armanisangels.org](http://www.armanisangels.org)

#### Killuminati Foundation

Financial assistance for up to half of the cost of emergency veterinary care for dogs. Missouri only. [www.projectpuppy.org](http://www.projectpuppy.org)

#### Lantz Tucker Memorial Fund

Financial assistance for veterinary care of cats and dogs. Missouri and Kansas focused. Send message on Facebook to apply. [www.facebook.com/LantzTuckerMemorialFund](http://www.facebook.com/LantzTuckerMemorialFund)

#### RACE4Ran

Financial assistance for veterinary care of cats and dogs. Apply online at [goo.gl/tyDh4I](http://goo.gl/tyDh4I)

#### Saving St. Louis Pets

Financial assistance for emergency and urgent veterinary care for animals with a guardian or found as a stray. [forms.gle/zNdSm6QSckumRTnY8](https://forms.gle/zNdSm6QSckumRTnY8)

#### My Pet Child

Financial assistance for non-emergency and non-routine veterinary care for animals. <https://www.mypetchild.com/financial-aid-program/>

#### Red Rover

Financial assistance for emergency and urgent veterinary care for animals. Any pet in the US is eligible. [www.redrover.org/relief/urgent-care-grants/](http://www.redrover.org/relief/urgent-care-grants/)

### FINANCING & FUNDRAISING

#### Care Credit

Credit card that can be used for veterinary expenses and will be subjected to accumulation of interest charges. Frequent promotions with no interest for 6 months. [www.carecredit.com/](http://www.carecredit.com/)

#### Scratch Pay

Payment plans to finance vet costs. APR as low as 0% depending on payment plan selected. <https://scratchpay.com/>

#### Go Fund Me

Online fundraising platform that can be used to raise money for veterinary expenses. [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **I don't have good credit. Can I still get assistance?**

Yes, none of the charitable organizations listed above require a credit check to get assistance. Care Credit or Scratch Pay may require a credit check. If you do qualify for financing from either, you may need to use that in addition to support from charitable organizations to cover the full cost of your pet's care.

### **Can I use more than one of these resources to help with the cost of veterinary care?**

Absolutely! It's recommended to apply for assistance from more than one program and use a combination of these resources in case one organization is not able to meet your financial need.

### **What are some common veterinary care expenses that would qualify for financial support?**

There are many urgent and emergency veterinary care expenses that would qualify for financial assistance. Some of the most common expenses are related to gastrointestinal obstructions, pets hit by cars, parvo treatment, and illness of unknown origin. The only way to know for sure if you would be eligible for funding is to apply!

### **What if I don't have access to the internet?**

Currently, all of the organizations listed above require you to fill-out or print an online form to get assistance or financing. Try contacting a friend or family member that may allow you to access the internet or seek out a public library in your area.

### **I'm not sure if my pet's condition is a medical emergency. How can I get advice?**

To help you determine if your pet's condition is an emergency, try calling your local veterinary hospital for advice. If your pet is in stable condition, you can post to the Facebook group called "Pet Vet Corner," where licensed veterinarians offer free advice to pet guardians. If your pet is not in stable condition, please pursue medical treatment as soon as possible.

### **How do I receive funding if it's granted to me by a charitable organization?**

Most organizations make payments directly to the treating veterinary clinic and do not dispense funds directly to individuals. Each organization has their own procedures, and you can learn more about their processes on their websites (listed above).

### **What will I have to submit on the application to apply for funding?**

Each organization has their own application process and requirements. They may ask for your information, photos of your pet, copies of the veterinary care cost estimate, and/or a description of the medical condition being treated. If you don't have easy access to one of these items, please share why during your application process to see if the organization may still be able to assist you.

### **How long will it take before I receive a response after applying?**

It can take up to 24-48 hours to get a response after submitting an application. In order to not delay treatment for your pet, fill-out the online forms as soon as you know you will need assistance with the cost of veterinary care. Don't be discouraged by the potential wait time, as you may get a response very quickly.