



Grant Eligibility Requirements

Because demand for financial assistance is high and our funds are limited, Cause for Paws is not able to help everyone seeking assistance. These criteria for qualification are designed to help those dogs and cats that will benefit the most. We will not grant funds unless a favorable medical outcome is reasonably anticipated and the owner can demonstrate financial need and responsible pet ownership.

Criteria for Qualifying:

- The pet has a life-threatening or acute illness, injury or condition that if left untreated will have a significant adverse impact on its quality of life.
- The illness, injury or condition requires prompt veterinary intervention for the pet's survival.
- The veterinarian's long-term prognosis indicates a positive outcome.
- The owner has demonstrated a true financial hardship first to the treating veterinarian and ultimately to Cause for Paws.
- The owner has been denied sufficient funds from Care Credit or similar financial assistance and has been denied financial assistance with a co-signer.
- The owner has explored other sources of assistance such as bank loans, family and friends.
- The owner is willing and able to pay at least 20% (including financial assistance other than a Cause for Paws grant) of the total estimated cost of treatment.
- If the pet is older than six months, it has been neutered or spayed.

You **DO NOT** qualify for funding if any of the following apply:

- You are seeking reimbursement for a bill you have already paid.
- Your veterinarian has agreed to work with you on a payment plan.
- You have sufficient pet insurance to cover treatment for the animal.
- You have applied for Care Credit or similar financial assistance and have been approved for the entire amount needed.
- You are seeking financial aid for elective surgery or routine care.
- Your pet has been diagnosed with a chronic illness that will require ongoing care.
- You have received financial assistance from Cause For Paws in the past.
- You are not willing to provide Cause For Paws with required documentation.
- You breed the animal for profit.
- This case involves animal cruelty charges against you.