

Steps to the Application Process

1. Visit the Paws 4 A Cure Ask For Help page. <http://www.paws4acure.org/askforhelp.php>
2. Read the guidelines and policies thoroughly.
3. Complete the online application.
4. Your application will go into Incomplete Status.
5. Add grants@paws4acure.org into your email address book.
6. You will need to provide the treating veterinarian with the Veterinary Packet or direct them to the Veterinary Professionals page.
7. You will email or fax your required documents to Paws 4 A Cure.
8. You will receive an email acknowledgement within 24 hours of receipt of your required documentation. If your required documentation is not received, your application will be closed.
9. If all of yours and your veterinary practice's required documentation is received, your application will go into Pending Status.
10. We **strongly urge** you to apply to several different financial assistance programs along with applying to Paws 4 A Cure, links to which can be found on our Helpful Resources page. **DO NOT RELY ON A PAWS 4 A CURE GRANT ONLY.**
 - You will have to provide Paws 4 A Cure with the names of the organizations that you have applied to and the dollar amount that they have approved.

Once all of the required documentation are received from you and the treating veterinarian, Paws 4 A Cure will start the application review.

If your required documentation is not received within 48 hours of your online application, the application will move from Incomplete to Closed status. You will have to reapply for assistance.

If the application for assistance is approved:

1. You will receive an approval email with an acceptance letter that you are to provide to the treating veterinary practice.
2. You will complete the requirements so that Paws 4 A Cure can create your dog or cat's fundraising page. Once you receive the email that your fundraising page is completed, you are **REQUIRED** to fundraise by sharing the fundraising page that Paws 4 A Cure creates with your friends, family and local news media to help generate donations for your dog or cat's veterinary care. We cannot use your already existing GoFundMe page.
3. Your dog/cat will receive the veterinary treatment.
4. The veterinary practice will email or fax the detailed invoice to Paws 4 A Cure.
5. Paws 4 A Cure will send a check via the U.S. mail to the veterinary practice within 30 days following receipt of an itemized invoice emailed or faxed by the veterinary practice.

You do **NOT** qualify for financial assistance through Paws 4 A Cure under any of the following circumstances:

- You are not a resident of the United States of America;
- You are not a United States citizen;
- Your annual household income is above 300% of the Federal Poverty Level;
- You do not provide Paws 4 A Cure with all the required documents;
- You have been approved for the entire amount needed by CareCredit;
- Your veterinarian will not accept payment from Paws 4 A Cure;
- Your pet is being held at the veterinary office until payment is made;
- You are seeking reimbursement for a paid bill;
- You are seeking payment for an outstanding bill;
- Your veterinarian has agreed to a payment plan with you;
- You have received financial assistance from Paws 4 A Cure in the past.
(exceptions are on a case by case basis)
- You are a breeder or rescue group;
- Your pet requires testing to determine a diagnosis;
- You are seeking assistance for elective surgery and/or surgery that is not essential for the survival of the pet;
- You cannot prove hardship;
- You cannot prove ownership of the dog or cat.

Funding Information

Please be advised that the maximum assistance available from Paws 4 A Cure is \$500. If your application is approved, Paws 4 A Cure will set up a "fundraising page" in order to solicit these funds. The creation of a "fundraising page" is not a guarantee that the full (or any) amount applied for will be raised. All moneys that are received by Paws 4 A Cure through donations to a particular applicant's "fundraising page" will be disbursed to the veterinary office in accordance with Paws 4 A Cure's general practice; provided, however, that any funds raised in excess of those for which the applicant initially applied (minus the assistance initially awarded directly by Paws 4 A Cure) shall be deposited into Paws 4 A Cure's general fund to assist other applicants. In order that Paws 4 A Cure may create a "fundraising page," you will be required to provide: (i) a picture of your dog/cat, (ii) a family photo, including your dog/cat, (iii) your dog's/cat's story including his/her medical condition, (iv) information as to why additional assistance is necessary, and (v) a "thank you" to donors helping your dog/cat.

Application Checklist

- 🐾 Online Application
- 🐾 Copy of your license or ID
- 🐾 Last pay stub (if employed)
- 🐾 All pages of your latest tax return for all members of your household
- 🐾 Copies of your last two bank statements for all members of your household
- 🐾 Copy of your SSI or SSDI benefit letter or, proof of any federal or state assistance or, unemployment benefits letter or, W2 or 1099 from employer
- 🐾 Copy of your approval/denial letter from CareCredit (if your veterinary office accepts).
- 🐾 Your most recent CareCredit statement (if applicable)
- 🐾 A copy of the front and back of your pet's insurance card (if applicable)
- 🐾 Provide the Veterinary Packet to the treating veterinary practice. Do NOT write on the any of the veterinary documents. The Veterinary Packet are for the veterinary practice to complete. The veterinary practice should email or fax their documents directly to Paws 4 A Cure.
- 🐾 Apply to several financial assistance programs to maximize your funding. Paws 4 A Cure will not be able to fund your entire veterinary estimate. A list of financial assistance programs can be found on our Helpful Resources page.

Your completed documentation can be sent either by you or by your veterinarian, using one of the following methods:

- 🐾 Via fax (866) 799-5166
- 🐾 Scanned as a PDF file and emailed to grants@paws4acure.org

Please scan your documents and send them as a PDF or fax them. Do **NOT** take pictures of your documents on your cell phone. Do **NOT** send your documentation as a jpg or any image file other than for your ID. It must be a PDF file or faxed only.