

Steps to the Application Process

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Visit the Paws 4 A Cure Ask For Help page. <http://www.paws4acure.org/askforhelp.php>

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You will receive an approval email with an acceptance letter that you are to provide to the treating veterinary practice before the treatment is performed.

2. You will complete the requirements so that Paws 4 A Cure can create your dog or cat's fundraising page.
3. 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.
4. You must provide Paws 4 A Cure the contact information for the news media that you reached out to. Paws 4 A Cure cannot use your already existing GoFundMe page. I must provide the links to the online news media articles if they create an article on their websites. If I do not fundraise for my dog or cat's veterinary care, Paws 4 A Cure will not send payment to the veterinary practice.
5. My dog/cat will receive the veterinary treatment.
6. The veterinary practice will email or fax the detailed invoice to Paws 4 A Cure.
7. 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.

If I am approved, I am **REQUIRED to fundraise by sharing the fundraising page that Paws 4 A Cure creates with my friends, family and local news media to generate donations for my dog or cat's veterinary care. I must provide Paws 4 A Cure the contact information for the news media that I reached out to. I must provide the links to the online news media articles. If I do not fundraise for my dog or cat's veterinary care, Paws 4 A Cure will not send payment to the veterinary practice.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- * **Paws 4 A Cure does not provide financial assistance for vaccinations, spaying/neutering, heartworm preventative, flea/tick preventative, routine dental care, routine veterinary care or euthanasia.**
- * **Paws 4 A Cure cannot assist with charges incurred prior to approval of application.**

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

Decisions are based upon several factors, including: medical urgency, financial need, available funding, and eligibility. Due to the overwhelming number of applications we receive, we cannot help everyone.


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 for all members of your household over 18 years of age.


You must prove hardship for all members of your household over 18 years of age. Acceptable documents:


 Last pay stub (if employed) for all members of your household over 18 years of age.


 All pages of your latest tax return for all members of your household over 18 years of age.


 Copies of your most recent bank statement for all members of your household over the age of 18.


 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 for all members of your household over 18 years of age.

 Copy of your approval/denial letter from CareCredit (if your veterinary office accepts) for all members of your household over 18 years of age.


 Your most recent CareCredit statement (if applicable) for all members of your household over 18 years of age.


 A copy of the front and back of your pet's insurance card (if applicable)

 Any document that proves that you cannot afford the veterinary care on your own or all members of your household over 18 years of age.

 Letter of hardship (explanation why you cannot afford the treatment on your own).

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

Do NOT mail your documents. It slows down the process. Image files must be legible (not blurry). The documentation must be close-up for Paws 4 A Cure to read. We cannot process your application if we cannot read them.

Scanners and faxes are available at copy stores, libraries, business offices and at your veterinary practice.