



**Animal
Adoption**



**Veterinary
Center**



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Raising Money for Your Best Friend's Medical Treatment

Whether you need money for expensive surgery or hospitalization or basic care and medicines, if you are living on extremely low income during these challenging economic times, below are our recommendations on how and where to raise finances. One thing to keep in mind is that some of these methods take time, up to a month or two, and some of these methods are quicker than others. Use common sense and realistic expectations to decide which methods to rely on, depending on the urgency of the medical issue your best friend has presented you with.

Basics of Fund Raising

If expensive services such as hospitalization or surgery are needed plan on getting the whole amount needed in a "piecemeal" manner. For instance, the Low Cost Vet Mobile basic hospitalization and surgery pre-payment amount is approximately \$750-\$900. Plan on getting three or four "pieces" of funding together to reach the final desired amount, using one or more of the below methods.

Quickest Time Methods

No Fee, No Interest, 6 month and 3 month Payment Plans

There are two terrific payment plan companies, Care Credit and Scratchpay. Even people with not so good credit rating can borrow money interest free, but only for medical purposes. Plus, it is instantaneous, with a simple automated phone call to Care Credit, 24 hrs a day. Care Credit's phone number to apply is 800-677-0718. Scratchpay only accepts online applications at Scratchpay.com. You can apply to both CareCredit and Scratchpay from our website at LowCostVet.org by putting your cursor on the Raising Money for Your Pet link and a drop down menu shows up for both payment plans. CareCredit gives 6 months to pay them back, and Scratchpay gives you 3 months.

After applying, if they tell you that they will send you their decision in the mail or call you back, you got rejected. If you get accepted they will give you a number immediately upon your application and you can pay with that number immediately.

STICK TO THE FOLLOWING TIPS: You don't have to spend the entire amount you apply for, and you only pay back what you spend. So it's a good idea to always maintain an account with at least one of these payment plan companies. It will ask for your monthly expenses and income, **DO NOT LIE. DO NOT BE LATE WITH ANY MONTHLY PAYMENTS.** If you are late, even once, the no interest deal is off the table and you get charged with 26% interest retroactively !!!!



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Borrowing from Friends and Relatives

Close friends and family are always good options but if one of them agrees to pay with their credit/debit card, Care Credit or Vet Credit Plans Wellness Plus they must personally come to the Vet Mobile to sign the charge slip and present two forms of ID, one with a picture on it.

Medium Time Methods

New York SAVE Grant

New York SAVE is based in New York City. They pay the veterinary practice directly, not you. You must fill out an application form. You can get one at www.NYSave.org. After downloading your application form it takes them a few days to contact us and get information before they decide whether or not to give you a grant.

Red Rover Grant

Red Rover makes grants up to \$250. You must apply online at www.redrover.org/redrover-relief-grants. Their phone number is 916 429 2357. After you submit your application it takes them some time to contact us and get information. They also pay the veterinarian directly, not you.

Vet-I-Care Grant

Vet-I-Care makes grants up to \$1000. You must apply online at www.Vet-I-Care.org. Their phone number is 732-213-1789. After you submit your application it takes them some time to contact us and get information. They also pay the veterinarian directly, not you.

Long Time Methods

Gofundme.com, Indiegogo.com, Fundly.com, Fundrazr.com, Fundanything.com, Giveforward.com, Rally.org, YouCaring.com, are all internet fund raising sites, and many of our clients have raised up to \$1000 to perform even the most expensive surgeries with us. However, you MUST stick to some basic guidelines in order to have a good chance of success.

- 1) You must post a photograph of yourself holding your best friend. People need to connect to you and your pet, and a photo is an absolute necessity for that.*
- 2) You must explain, in detail, WHY you cannot afford the veterinary service needed, provide your monthly budget of income and expenses, how you get your income, and what your monthly expenses are spent for. Explain that you have found a low cost veterinary service, mention our name so people can verify it, and explain that as a result you are able to get the veterinary services done at approximately half of market rates.*
- 3) You must explain, in detail, the medical expenses necessary, including the proper medical terms which we have provided to you.*
- 4) You must explain your history with your best friend. How you acquired your pet, how long you have been together, why you believe that your pet can get through this medical issue if you only could afford it, etc.*
- 5) You must offer to send a copy of the itemized final bill from the Vet Mobile along with an after treatment photo of you and your pet.*
- 6) You must put a posting on ALL the above websites since:*
 - a. one can never know which one will be successful for your campaign*
 - b. you may raise money faster from one site than the others*
 - c. you may raise money from more than one site*
 - d. you can simply copy and paste the same information to all the sites*