



If you are struggling to keep your pet, know that you have options before surrendering him. Even if we cannot help you at this moment, other organizations might be able to assist you.

Here is a list of organizations that provide financial assistance for pet owners in need. Each organization has its own rules and guidelines, so explore their web sites before applying.

Vaccinations

Massachusetts law requires all cats, dogs and ferrets to be vaccinated against rabies. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources works with several nonprofit animal welfare groups to offer low-cost rabies vaccination clinics in cities and towns throughout the state. <http://www.mass.gov/agr/animalhealth/rabies/clinics.htm>

Most clinics charge from \$5 to \$15 for the rabies vaccination. Micro chipping, licenses, and other services are available at some clinics.

[LuvMyPet](#) also offers low-cost vaccinations for pets at PETCO stores all over the state.

Spay/neuter

- [The MSPCA Spay/Neuter Assistance Program](#)
- [Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics](#)
- [Second Chance Fund for Animal Welfare \(SCFAW\)](#) has "Quick Fix" spay/neuter clinics for pet cats, and a spay/neuter voucher program for dogs and stray/feral cats. Vaccinations are also provided if needed. Fees are based on income. No one is turned away for inability to pay. Pet owners who receive public assistance such as food stamps, MassHealth, SSI, TAFDC, rental assistance, fuel assistance, WIC, or unemployment are automatically income eligible. Pet owners must fill out an application and provide proof of public assistance or proof of income. See [Spay/Neuter Services](#) for more information.

To apply for financial help for spaying/neutering or SPUF medical care, you must fill out a [Request for Pet Services Application](#).

For questions or support, call the Second Chance Fund for Animal Welfare hotline at 978-779-8287, or [e-mail](#) them. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.secondchancefund.org/>

- [Animal Rescue League Spay Waggin' Program](#) is a mobile low-cost spay and neuter program. It was created by the Animal Rescue League, in hopes of helping those that struggle with the high cost of spaying and neutering their pets. While these procedures



normally cost between \$200 and \$400, their prices range in the \$60 to \$80 range. They also offer a feline leukemia test that is available for around \$20. It is done on a first come, first served basis. The mobile arrives at surgery sites around 9:30 a.m., but many clients begin to wait in line as early as 7 a.m. They require paperwork and legal consent forms, so only the pet owners themselves can bring the pets for the procedures. Further information on their surgery sites and program can be found on their web site, or by calling them directly at (617) 426-9170

- [Stop the Overpopulation of Pets](#) (STOP) is an organization that uses a custom mobile van to travel throughout Boston and offer spaying and neutering for cats. The clients drop their cats off in the morning, and then pick them up later that evening. They also offer some vaccinations for cats, and feline leukemia testing as well. The cost of these procedures is usually around \$70 to \$80. Their website offers further information on their locations, and how the program works. (617) 571-7151

Medical care for ill or injured pets

- [Second Chance Fund for Animal Welfare \(SCFAW\)](#) Scratch's Patch-Up Fund (SPUF) helps pet owners whose dogs or cats are facing a medical crisis and who do not have the money to pay for the care their pets need. Pet owners must meet income limits and other requirements. Approval may take up to two weeks, so SPUF cannot usually help in emergency situations.

To apply for financial help, you must fill out a Request for Pet Services. You can fill out the application and submit it online, or you can print out a copy of the application and mail it in. [Pet Services Application](#)

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- [Alliance for Animals Metro Action Clinic](#) is a low cost clinic that offers neutering, spaying and vaccinations. They are open every day, between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm. Their website offers a complete list of fees. The clinic does not accept cash but does accept money orders, which can be bought around the corner at a convenience store. The client does not have to have a credit card. (617) 268-7800
- [IMOM](#) wants to better the lives of sick, injured and abused companion animals. Fights for the lives of companion animals who are at risk of being euthanized because their caretakers are financially challenged.



- [Help-A-Pet](#) provides financial assistance nationwide for the medical care of pets whose owners are unable to afford the expense. Helps people physically and mentally challenged, senior citizens and children of the working poor who own pets.
- [The Pet Fund](#) provides financial assistance to pet owners who cannot afford expensive surgery or medical treatment that their pets need. Assists in covering medical costs beyond the normal expenses of vaccination, spay and neuter surgeries, food and routine veterinary care.
- [United Animal Nations LifeLine Fund](#) (now Red Rover) helps pet owners care for their animals in life-threatening situations.
- [Brown Dog Foundation](#) offers pet owners in temporary financial crisis an alternative when their pets face a treatable but life-threatening condition or illness.
- [Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance](#) provides financial assistance to cat guardians who are unable to afford veterinary services to save their companions when life-threatening illness or injury strikes.
- [Cats in Crisis](#) helps cat owners care for cats with chronic or emergency medical conditions through financial and fundraising assistance.
- [Canine Cancer Awareness](#) raises awareness of the prevalence of canine cancer, its effects and treatment options. Helps dog owners pay for veterinary care for dogs with cancer.
- [Cody's Club](#) provides financial support for dogs who need radiation treatment. Offers emotional support through a hotline and in-person group that meets monthly.
- [Diabetic Pets Fund](#) offers financial help to assist the companion animals of those in financial difficulties. (Not accepting applications at this time)
- [The Mosby Foundation](#) assists in the care of sick, injured, abused and neglected dogs through financial support and public education.
- [Magic Bullet Fund](#) provides financial assistance for canine cancer treatment when the family is financially unable to provide treatment.
- [God's Creatures Ministry Veterinarian Charity Fund](#) spreads God's compassion to all animals God has made according to the scriptures. Helps with up to \$50.00 toward vet bills.



Support for caregivers of homeless or feral cats

- [Second Chance Fund for Animal Welfare \(SCFAW\)](#) provides traps, guidance, and financial assistance for the spaying/neutering of homeless or feral cats.

Routine vet care

- [Feline Outreach](#) promotes routine and medical care of cats.
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General support

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