

Financial Aid Programs

Toronto Humane Society operates with the understanding that veterinary care can become expensive and create difficult financial challenges for pet owners. The best option to reduce veterinary expenses are to ensure annual check-ups and preventative medical care for your beloved pets. However, when the unexpected happens, we want you to know that there are support programs available to you and your pet.

Financial Aid

We encourage people to talk to their own veterinarian about payment plans/discounts or call around to clinics for quotes. Speak with your local veterinarian about your unique situation and if they would be willing to do a payment plan or offer some discounts on the services. Typically, veterinarians will only offer this to clients who they have a regular relationship with, so this is another reason why sticking with one primary care veterinarian is always encouraged. It may also be the case that private clinics are more willing to be flexible with clients at this time too - some veterinary clinics going as far as offering affordable pricing for low-income individuals.

Farley Foundation

The Farley Foundation subsidizes the cost of non-elective veterinary care such as surgery (including some dental surgery), hospitalization and diagnostics. Those eligible include seniors receiving GIS/ CPP, disabled individuals receiving ODSP/ CPP, individuals receiving assistance through the Ontario Works Program, persons with an annual income of less than \$25,000, supportive housing for seniors, retirement homes or long-term care facilities with live-in pets and women at risk of abuse who are entering a registered Ontario women's shelter and/or who are participating in OVMA's SafePet Program.

Applications for funding can only be submitted by OVMA member veterinarians. The Farley Foundation can't discuss funding applications with pet owners.

Free Service

Community Veterinary Outreach Toronto (Clinic is currently closed due to COVID-19)

This program is for people experiencing homelessness, are vulnerably housed, or for owners receiving income supplement and do not have a primary care veterinarian. Eligibility criteria include those receiving social assistance or disability support. Those referred by a case worker (affiliated with an agency partnered with Community Vet Outreach that works with homeless or vulnerably housed populations). Individuals with no veterinary relationship with a clinic or vet within the last 12 months. Exceptions may include things such as a spay/neuter visit. They offer free preventative clinics once monthly (or every other month) and have some referral resources for conditions they cannot treat.

Community Veterinary Outreach has two available programs:

- One Health Clinics provide examinations, vaccinations, deworming and microchip identification, and in some regions, spay and neuter appointments.
- Pet Fair for People Care provides animal-related services such as pet health education and home care, nail trims, grooming, and microchip placement, as well as pet food and supplies.



Loan Programs

These three options (*MediCard*, *PetCard*, and *Health Smart Financial*) are for financing veterinary bills. All three can be used to pay for any veterinary service from emergencies to elective procedures. If your private clinic isn't on the registered list of associated services, these organizations will reach out to your clinic on the behalf of you. All options should be able to provide approval/financing within 24hrs. With MediCard, clients can get pre-approved for financing without being in contact with a clinic.

