

Dear Veterinary Professional,

You are receiving this letter of introduction, along with an explanation of our payment policies and a Veterinarian's DX/Treatment Form, because your client is in the process of applying for financial assistance with Paws 4 A Cure.

Receipt of this letter does not imply that Paws 4 A Cure has approved their application. Paws 4 A Cure will always send a Acceptance Letter when an application is approved.

Paws 4 A Cure is an all-volunteer, registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2008 that provides financial aid to qualified applicants for non-routine veterinary care. Since 2008, Paws 4 A Cure has been successful at helping to save the lives of over 750 canines and felines and has paid over \$280,000 to veterinary practices throughout the United States.

It is our hope that you will consider working with our organization so we can help your client and their fur child receive the veterinary care that they need.

Before we can determine whether or not we can assist this companion animal, we will need a completed Veterinary DX/Treatment form, a detailed estimate and office notes from the treating veterinary practice. The estimate should be broken out, so that we can determine which portions of the pet's treatment may qualify for financial aid. Do not complete if you are not doing the actual treatment.

Paws 4 A Cure does not provide assistance for spaying/neutering, vaccinations, flea/tick, Heartworm preventative medication, preventative care, routine dental care, routine office visits or euthanasia. Routine dental care includes dental cleaning with anesthesia, and may include extractions, as needed for the treatment of tartar, plaque & gingivitis. Non-routine dental care refers to the treatment of atypical dental conditions, such as fractured teeth, abscesses and oral masses.

We are hopeful that you will consider offering Paws 4 A Cure a charitable discount, as our funds are always very limited. With the current economic crisis, our donations are at an all-time low and the number of applications received has increased considerably. Because donations to Paws 4 A Cure are at a critical low and applications for financial assistance are at an all-time high, our funds are extremely limited. As a result, if your client's application for financial assistance is approved, they may not receive all of the funds for which they apply. Please be advised that the maximum assistance available from Paws 4 A Cure is up to \$500. This is a one-time grant.

Given the opportunity to work with your veterinary practice you will find Paws 4 A Cure to be a very professional organization with an impeccable reputation. For a list of the over 300 veterinary practices that we have worked with throughout the United States, please visit <http://www.paws4acure.org/veterinary-professionals.php>. You may also view the testimonials from the pet parents that we have helped along with some of the veterinary practices by visiting <http://www.paws4acure.org/testimonials.php>.

To learn more about working with Paws 4 A Cure, please visit our web site at: [www.paws4acure.org](http://www.paws4acure.org).

Sincerely,  
Keri Goldman, President and Founder  
[grants@paws4acure.org](mailto:grants@paws4acure.org)



**Paws 4 A Cure**

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Helping our furry family members get a fighting chance at life!

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## Steps to the Application Process

1. The applicant will contact the veterinary practice that is treating their dog or cat and ask them if they work with nonprofit organizations for financial assistance. If they say yes, read on.
2. The applicant must read the guidelines/policies thoroughly.
3. The applicant is responsible for getting the email address from the treating veterinary practice to provide it on the application.
4. The applicant will gather all of their required documentation to prove hardship, examples on page 5 to send with the application for assistance.
5. The application for assistance will not be responded to until Paws 4 A Cure received the applicant's application and proof of hardship documentation.
6. If all of the applicant's proof of hardship and the treating veterinary practice's required documentation are received, Paws 4 A Cure will start the application review.
7. The applicant **MUST** apply to several different financial assistance programs along with applying to Paws 4 A Cure to get the closer to their goal. Links can be found on our Helpful Resources page. The applicant is not to rely on a Paws 4 A Cure grant only.

**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.**

## If the application for assistance is approved

1. The applicant will receive an approval email with an acceptance letter that they are to provide to the treating veterinary practice before the treatment is performed.
2. The applicant's dog or cat will receive the veterinary treatment if they have enough funding.
3. The approved applicant will complete the requirements outlined on the approval email so that Paws 4 A Cure can create your dog or cat's fundraising page. Paws 4 A Cure cannot use your already existing GoFundMe page or another fundraising page on another platform other than created by Paws 4 A Cure. If the requirements are not received, Paws 4 A Cure is unable to fundraise for the applicant's dog or cat therefore, no payment will be released and you will be responsible for the charges. Exceptions are made for domestic violence situations.
4. Once the approved applicant receives the email that the Paws 4 A Cure fundraising page is complete. The approved applicant is **REQUIRED** to fundraise by sharing the fundraising page that Paws 4 A Cure creates with your friends and family to generate donations for your dog or cat's veterinary care. If you are in need of additional funding, you should reach out to your local news media to reach a larger audience. We do make exceptions, especially for domestic violence situations.
5. The veterinary practice will email or fax the detailed invoice to Paws 4 A Cure.
6. Paws 4 A Cure will send a check via the U.S. mail to the veterinary practice within a week following receipt of an itemized invoice emailed or faxed by the veterinary practice.
7. The approved applicant will provide Paws 4 A Cure updates on their dog or cat's health.

## Paws 4 A Cure Payment Policies

- 🐾 Paws 4 A Cure cannot assist with charges from prior to the approval of application.
- 🐾 Paws 4 A Cure cannot pay for treatment in advance.
- 🐾 Paws 4 A Cure cannot pay a deposit.
- 🐾 Paws 4 A Cure cannot reimburse the applicant for any payments made to the veterinarian.
- 🐾 If the applicant has CareCredit, they must use it first. Paws 4 A Cure cannot reimburse for a CareCredit payment or any other payment made.
- 🐾 For Paws 4 A Cure to remit payment, an itemized invoice is to be emailed to [grants@paws4acure.org](mailto:grants@paws4acure.org) or faxed to (866) 799-5166 after the treatment has been performed. The payment will be processed through our Bank of America bill pay within a week of receipt. An email is then sent to the veterinary practice with the BOA confirmation number and date that the check will be received. The payment is sent directly from Bank of America that normally arrives within a week as long as it is not within the holiday season.
- 🐾 Paws 4 A Cure will pay only up to the grant amount. If the balance is lower than the grant amount, Paws 4 A Cure will not the full amount of the grant.
- 🐾 Paws 4 A Cure will only make payment to a veterinarian, clinic or hospital. Funds are never disbursed to an applicant.
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- 🐾 If the application is accepted, the applicant must supply a photo of their dog/cat and their story for a fundraising page to be created Paws 4 A Cure. We ask that each approved applicant helps to fundraise for their dog or cat's care by sharing the fundraising page that Paws 4 A Cure creates to bring in much needed funds so that we can continue to help those in need. If the applicant does not provide the requirements for the fundraising page to be created, Paws 4 A Cure is unable to fundraise for the applicant's dog or cat. Therefore, no payment will be released and the applicant will be responsible for the charges. We do make exceptions, especially for domestic violence situations.



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# Veterinary DX/Treatment Information

**This form is to be completed by the veterinary practice that is treating the patient.**

**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.**

## CLIENT'S INFORMATION (please type into the form)

Pet's Name:		Pet's Age:	
Client's Name:		Client ID:	
Pet's Sex: Male      Female		Is this a new Client? : Yes      No	
Dog      Cat		Breed (if a dog):	
Diagnosis:			
Treatment already provided (Do not put see attached):			
What treatment is still needed? Do not put see attached. Please explain. (Paws 4 A Cure cannot pay for diagnostics):			
Prognosis with treatment: Poor      Fair      Good      Excellent			
In your opinion, is this pet likely to die or require euthanasia within 10 days if not treated? Yes      No			
If yes, please explain why:			
How soon could treatment occur, if funds were available?			
Total amount of the estimate (you must attach a detailed estimate as well):			
Is the pet spayed/neutered? Yes      No		Is the pet inpatient now? Yes      No	
Does your office offer you clients payment plans? Yes      No		Does your office accept CareCredit? Yes      No	
Does the pet have insurance? Yes      No		Insurance carrier:	

## VETERINARY PRACTICE INFORMATION FOR THE PAYMENT TO BE SENT TO (please type into the form)

Name of hospital or practice:	
Name of attending veterinarian:	
Name of veterinary practice's contact person and title:	
Veterinary Practice's Name and Address for payment remittance:	
Phone:	Fax:
Email:	Discount extended to Paws 4 A Cure:      %

### Payment Terms

If the application for assistance is approved Paws 4 A Cure will email you an acceptance letter. For Paws 4 A Cure to remit payment, the veterinary practice would need to email or fax an itemized invoice after the treatment has been performed. The payment will be processed through our Bank of America bill pay within a week of receipt of the invoice. An email is then sent to the veterinary practice with the BOA confirmation number and date that the check will be received. The payment is sent directly from Bank of America that normally arrives within a week as long as it is not within the holiday season.

By signing below, you affirm that you understand and agree to accept Paws 4 A Cure's payment terms. To be signed by the veterinary practice only, not the applicant.

Sign Here:	Date:
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Please print your name/title:

**The completed form and the detailed estimate is to be emailed to [grants@paws4acure.org](mailto:grants@paws4acure.org) or faxed to (866) 799-5166.**