Dear Veterinary Professional,

You are receiving this letter of introduction, along with our payment policy explanation and the Veterinary DX/ Treatment Form, because your client is currently applying for financial assistance through 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 email an Approval Letter when an application is approved.

Paws 4 A Cure is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance for urgent veterinary care to dogs and cats in need across the United States for the treatment of all illnesses and injuries. We assist pet owners who are unable to afford treatment costs for their companion animals, regardless of breed, age, or diagnosis. Our mission is to ensure that no pet is denied care due to financial hardship. Since 2008, Paws 4 A Cure has been successful at helping to save the lives of over 900 dogs and cats. We have paid over $375,000 to veterinary practices throughout the United States.

It is my 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 and detailed estimate 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. Please email or fax the completed form and estimate to Paws 4 A Cure. Do not mail the documents. It significantly delays processing, as the PO Box is only checked once per month. Do not complete if you do not have a treatment plan or 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 office visits, euthanasia or cremation.

We kindly ask that you consider offering Paws 4 A Cure a charitable discount, as our resources are extremely limited. Due to the current economic climate, donations are at a critical low while applications for financial assistance have reached an all-time high. As a result, even if your client's application is approved, they may not receive the full amount requested. Please note that the maximum grant available from Paws 4 A Cure is up to $400, and this is a one-time award.

Given the opportunity to work with your veterinary practice, you will find Paws 4 A Cure to be a professional and reputable organization with an impeccable track record. We have collaborated with over 500 veterinary practices across the United States. To view a list of these practices, please visit: http://www.paws4acure.org/veterinary-professionals/.

You may also read testimonials from grateful pet parents and veterinary professionals we've worked with by visiting: http://www.paws4acure.org/testimonials/

To learn more about working with Paws 4 A Cure, please visit our web site at: www.paws4acure.org.

Sincerely,
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Steps to the Application Process

1. The applicant will contact the veterinary practice that is treating their dog or cat's illness or injury to ask them if they work with nonprofit organizations for financial assistance. If they say yes, read on.
2. The applicant is responsible for getting the email address from the treating veterinary practice to provide it on the application.
3. The applicant must read the guidelines/policies thoroughly on the next few pages.
4. The applicant will gather all of their required documentation to prove hardship, examples on page 4 to email with their completed 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. Paws 4 A Cure will email the treating veterinary practice our Veterinary Packet for them to complete and return to us with the estimate for the treatment still needed.
7. The applicant is to apply to several financial assistance programs along with applying to Paws 4 A Cure to maximize their funding. Links can be found on our Helpful Resources page. Please do not rely on a grant from Paws 4 A Cure only. **https://www.paws4acure.org/helpfulresources/**
8. Paws 4 A Cure will email the applicant once the treating veterinary practice's completed Veterinary DX/ Treatment Information form and estimate are received. The email to the applicant will ask a few questions based off of the veterinary documentation to determine if a grant will be provided and for what amount.

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 and treating veterinary practice will receive an approval email with an approval letter before the treatment is performed.
2. 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.
3. The applicant's dog or cat will receive the veterinary treatment if they have enough funding.
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. They are not to mail it.
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. A credit card payment is an option as well.
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 does not provide assistance with outstanding veterinary bills. Paws 4 A Cure provides assistance for treatment still needed.

- Paws 4 A Cure cannot pay for treatment in advance.

- Paws 4 A Cure cannot pay a deposit.

- Paws 4 A Cure does not provide assistance with outstanding veterinary bills or reimburse for any amount that the applicant has paid to the veterinary practice, CareCredit, ScratchPay or any other payment program.

- 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.

- 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 pay 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.

- Paws 4 A Cure cannot pay on an invoice showing no balance due.

- 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.

- If the application is approved:
  To process payment, the treating veterinary practice must email or fax an itemized invoice to Paws 4 A Cure after the approved treatment has been performed.

  Payment by Check: If the veterinary practice requests the payment by check, the payment will be processed through our Bank of America Bill Pay system within 24 hours of receiving the invoice. Once processed, an email will be sent to the veterinary practice providing the Bank of America confirmation number and the expected check arrival date. Checks are mailed directly from Bank of America and typically arrive within one week. Please allow additional time for delivery delays due to holidays or inclement weather.

  Payment by Debit Card: If the veterinary practice requests to receive the payment by the Paws 4 A Cure debit card, the payment will be made over the phone on the same day the invoice is received, provided it arrives at least an hour before the veterinary practice's close of business and we are available to process the payment. Otherwise, payment will be made on the next business day.11

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 veterinary care, euthanasia or cremation.
- **Paws 4 A Cure cannot assist with outstanding balances.**

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:	
Diagnosis **(REQUIRED):**	
Treatment already provided (Do not put see attached):	
What treatment is still needed? **(Paws 4 A Cure does not assist with diagnostics or outstanding balances):**	
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:	Email:
Do you prefer a payment by ☐ Check or ☐ Credit Card	Discount extended to Paws 4 A Cure: %

Payment Terms

If the application for assistance is approved, Paws 4 A Cure will send an official Approval Letter via email.

To remit payment, the veterinary practice must email or fax an itemized invoice after the treatment has been performed. If you chose a check, the payment will be processed through our Bank of America bill pay system within 24 hours of receiving the invoice. Once processed, an email will be sent with the Bank of America confirmation number and the expected check arrival date. Payments are mailed directly from Bank of America and typically arrive within one week. If you would prefer to receive payment by the Paws 4 A Cure debit card, the payment will be made the same day over the phone if the invoice is received before your close of your business day and based on availability.

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

The completed form and the detailed estimate is to be emailed to grants@paws4acure.org. Do NOT mail this back.