

Spay/Neuter Assistance

ARL STOP Program

Do you have a cat or a pit bull that needs to be spayed or neutered but can't afford the cost? The Animal Refuge League's Low Income Spay & Neuter Program may be able to help you and your pet. If you qualify, we will issue you a certificate to have your pet to be spayed or neutered at a local participating veterinarian's office for a discounted rate. Please contact Kathleen Fobear at 854-9771 ext. 110 or kfobear@arlgp.org during regular business hours to determine if you qualify for our program.

ARL Litter Helpers

Through the generosity of a local veterinarian, the ARL is able to offer a new program, "Litter Helpers", to help stop animal overpopulation among cats and dogs. If you surrender your cat's or dog's litter to the ARL, we will spay and return the mom to you at no charge.

Animal Welfare Society

A low-cost spay/neuter clinic has opened at the Animal Welfare Society on Holland Road in West Kennebunk. If you are low-income, are receiving or qualify for State or Federal Aid, and you need help spaying/neutering your cat call them at 985-3244 ext. 120. \$39.95 for a spay or neuter (rabies shot is an additional \$8.00).

The Catmobile

Low-cost, mobile spay/neuter clinic. Neuter packages: \$75 and spay packages \$100. Includes exam, spay/neuter, vaccines, flea treatment and deworming. 1-800-495-7729 or email spaymass@mfrs.org.

HELP! FIX ME Maine's Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program

Cat fixed for \$10, dogs \$20. You may be eligible for the state's low-cost spay/neuter program, if you receive or are eligible for one of the following programs: Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability (SSD), and/or Maine Care (Medicaid). If you can't afford to fix your cat or dog, call 1-800-367-1317 or (207) 287-7621.

Spay Incentive Certificate

The Greater Androscoggin Animal Shelter provides discount spay certificates to individuals who bring litters of puppies or kittens to the shelter if they still have the mother. The owner of the mother is issued an Incentive Certificate (Cats \$75, dogs \$125) to be used at an area veterinarian.

Neutering Discount Assistance

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society has funds available to offer neutering assistance to families in financial need. Please call or drop by the shelter (207-783-2311) to see if you qualify.

Tender Touch Veterinary Hospital Groovy Tuesday

Cat spays and neuters are discounted every Tuesday. Click on the link for details or call 207.839.7456

Reduced & Subsidized Veterinary Fees:

The American Animal Hospital Association: The AAHA offers a program among its member animal hospitals that helps to pay for veterinary expenses. Ask your veterinarian if they are part of this program.

Veterinary Financial Aid & Resources for Cats:

- 🐾 Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Fund, Fax 888-301-4264; <http://www.fveap.org>
- 🐾 Animal Welfare Association, Phone: (888) 616-9663

- 🐾 Help-A-Pet, Phone: (630) 986-9504; <http://www.help-a-pet.org>
- 🐾 IMOM, <http://www.imom.org>
- 🐾 United Animal Nations, Phone: (916) 429-2457; <http://www.uan.org>
- 🐾 Care Credit, Credit payment plan for veterinary and personal health care costs; (800) 839-9078; <http://www.carecredit.com>
- 🐾 Cats in Crisis, Inc., providing financial assistance to help with diagnosing, treating and maintaining cats with special medical needs, P.O. Box 225, Lititz, PA 17543; <http://www.catsincrisis.org>
- 🐾 AAHA Helping Pets Fund, (866) 443-5738; <http://www.aahahelpingpets.org>
- 🐾 Angels4Animals, (916) 443-6007; <http://www.angels4animals.org>
- 🐾 The Pet Fund, <http://www.thepetfund.com>
- 🐾 Tender Touch Veterinary Hospital, 207.839.7456 <http://www.tendertouchvet.net/pages/TTClinic.html>

Temporary Housing & Care:

If a pet owner must move, a multitude of sites exist online to assist in finding pet-friendly rentals. These include: www.peoplewithpets.com; www.pets911.com; www.petswelcome.com; and www.mynewplace.com.

Help with Emergency Veterinary Care:

THE PET FUND: Provides financial assistance to owners of domestic animals who need urgent veterinary care. The Pet Fund also provides information about preventative care, pet insurance programs, and financial services that will ensure that pet owners are able to develop financial resources on their own and thus avoid future emergencies through care and planning. Tel: (916) 443-6007. <http://www.thepetfund.com>

HELP-A-PET: Provides financial assistance for the medical care of pets whose owners are unable to afford the expense. Focus on serving the elderly, the disabled, and the working poor. Tel: (630) 986-9504. <http://www.help-a-pet.org>

FELINE VETERINARY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Provides assistance to cat/kitten guardians who are unable to afford veterinary services to save their companions when life-threatening illness/injury strikes. Focus on seniors, people w/ disabilities, people who have lost their job, Good Samaritans who rescue a cat or kitten. <http://www.fveap.org>

STARFLEET CANINE AID FOUNDATION: SCAF was created to provide financial aid to owners or rescue organizations that could not otherwise afford medical treatment for the curable disease or recoverable accident of a canine companion. <http://www.canineaid.org>

IMOM: Dedicated to better the lives of sick, injured and abused companion animals and to insure that no companion animal has to be euthanized simply because their caretaker is financially challenged. Allows owners to fundraise for their pet's care via their website. Also has limited funds for emergencies, blind dogs, diabetic pets, and those with chronic renal failure. <http://www.imom.org>

LABMED: Will provide monetary assistance toward emergency medical expenses for Labrador Retrievers who are abandoned or in a rescue situation and for whom no other funding is available or is insufficient. <http://www.labmed.org>

LABRADOR LIFE LINE: Aids purebred Labrador Retrievers in need of new homes, urgent medical care, or other assistance in order to live a full and productive life. Provides assistance to dogs: (a) currently in or will be placed in rescue situations; (b) dogs currently at shelters with whom LLL has a current Memorandum of Understanding; (c) dogs who are with families, but for valid reasons, the family cannot provide the required help for the dog's condition. <http://www.labradorlifeline.org>

GOLDSTOCK FUND: The Fund's mission is to provide funds to rescue organizations or individuals to pay for transportation, boarding, evaluations and medical costs of golden retrievers and golden hearted dogs taken into rescue. The Goldstock General Fund also supports other breeds of dogs in rescue situations, and also provides educational information and materials to rescues and the public. <http://www.goldstockfund.org>

Pet Food

Furry Friend Pet Food Pantry: The ARL, in partnership with Camp Bow Wow®, and the Town of Standish, wish to help families in need during these challenging economic times by dispensing donated pet food items for families in need, so that pets may stay in their homes. If you need some assistance, or if you are able to donate to help others, please visit the Furry Friends Food Pantry at one of three locations: Camp Bow Wow, 49 Blueberry Rd, Portland Monday 1p-3p; Animal Refuge League, 449 Stroudwater, Westbrook, Tuesday 1p-3p; Town of Standish Animal Control 175 Northeast Rd, Standish Thursday 1p-3p; Steep Falls Library, 1128 Pequawket Trail, Steep Falls Any day during library hours

Low Cost Vaccine Clinics and Basic Veterinary Care for Healthy Dogs and Cats (no appointment needed)

- 🐾 Augusta Kennel Shop: 2nd Thursday every month, 3-6pm (207) 623-2939
- 🐾 Bangor Pet Quarters: 3rd Sunday every month, 11am-3pm CATS 11-Noon; DOGS Noon-3pm (207) 947-3791
- 🐾 Brunswick Pet Quarters: 3rd Tuesday every month, 2-6pm (207) 373-0432
- 🐾 Lewiston Kennel Shop: 2nd Saturday every month 9am-noon (207) 777-1376
- 🐾 Portland Kennel Shop: 4th Saturday every month 9am-noon (207) 797-0779
- 🐾 Saco Kennel Shop: 3rd Saturday every month, 3-6pm (207) 282-2850
- 🐾 Sanford Kennel Shop: 3rd Saturday every month 9am-Noon (207) 490-2412
- 🐾 Scarborough Pet Quarters: 2nd Sunday Every Month, 11am-2pm (DOGS ONLY) (207) 885-5005
- 🐾 Scarborough Pet Quarters: 2nd Tuesday every month 4-6pm (CATS ONLY) (207) 885-5005
- 🐾 South Portland Kennel Shop: 4th Saturday every month 3-6pm (207) 799-7282
- 🐾 Wells Pet Quarters: 2nd Tuesday every month, 11am-2pm (207) 641-0620
- 🐾 Windham Kennel Shop: 4th Thursday every month, 3-6pm (207) 892-8825
- 🐾 Windham Pet Quarters: 2nd Saturday every month, 3-6pm (207) 894-7250
- 🐾 Check Animal Refuge League events page for list of low-cost microchip clinics

Vaccinations, basic care, heartworm and Lyme testing, flea and tick products, de-worming and microchipping

More resources at: <http://www.srdogs.com/Pages/needhomes.other.resources.html>

Owners can also fundraise for veterinary bills at: <http://www.fundable.com>

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