

Grants for Service Dogs and useful information

IRS

The IRS now allows those with mental or physical disabilities to file medical expenses regarding service animals including food, training, veterinary care, maintenance, etc.

Veterinarians

Most veterinarians will discount their services up to 30% for service animals. Make sure to ask your veterinarian if they provide a discount.

Airlines

The majority of airlines will waive pet travel fees for passengers traveling with verified service animals. Most waive fees for extra animals and oversized animals as well. Each airline's rules and regulations are different so make sure to check each policy individually.

Landlords

Landlords are required to waive pet policy fees for tenants as long as the tenant meets certain conditions, and must not deny a tenant housing due to their disability or need for a service animal.

Certain dog food companies offer discounted rates for service dogs. Here's an example of a discount with [Darwin's Natural Pet Products](#).

If you need pet financial aid, there are several organizations and resources for pet owners who need help with vet bills and other expenses. Check out the [Humane Society](#) website for more information.

[Star Relief Pets for Military Vets Reimbursement](#)

Provides financial reimbursement to military veterans for life-saving medical treatment for adopted shelter dogs.

For training info, check out [this well-reviewed guide to training your own service dog](#). It's best to get professional help in the training process, but you can reinforce it with this guide.

Although [Angel Canines for Wounded Warriors \(ACWW\)](#) doesn't directly provide service dogs to veterans, the purpose of their program is to provide free air transport to centers that do. Through a partnership with [American Airlines' Veterans Initiative Program](#), vets with mental or physical disabilities resulting from their active service can rely on ACWW to get them to their forever companion free of charge.

Helping veterans get service dogs

American Humane is committed to putting more healing leashes into the hands of more veterans in need. Through our Pups4Patriots™ program, we rescue unwanted dogs in need of homes and train them to be service dogs for veterans with PTS and TBI. In addition, we award grants to veterans requiring financial assistance to obtain and care for a PTS service dog, and provide them with insight and

institutional support as they navigate the daunting application process for PTS service dogs.
<https://www.americanhumane.org/initiative/pts-service-dogs-for-veterans/>

American Humane provides funding and support to veterans with PTS and TBI who are seeking lifesaving service dogs.

GUIDELINES

- Only active or retired military individuals with a PTS diagnosis are considered for the Wags4Patriots grant.
- Funding may be used only to help offset the adoption costs for obtaining a PTS service dog. Funding is paid directly to the service dog agency.
- Funding is contingent upon the individual successfully completing the service dog agency's application to qualify for a PTS service dog.
- Only applications received through the appropriate online submission process will be eligible. Funding is awarded on a case-by-case basis.

Before submitting an application, applicants must ensure that it includes all of the following documents or their request will be considered incomplete and may be discarded:

- Completed and signed grant application
- Photograph(s) of applicant
- Signed media release

The following additional documents will also be required prior to the award of any grant:

- Copy of 501(c)(3) letter from the applicable credentialed service dog agency
- Photograph(s) of service dog
- Receipt from the applicable service dog agency for adoption costs

The VA does provide veterinary care and equipment to dogs that come from accredited agencies, however they don't pay for boarding, grooming, food, or any other routine expense associated with owning a dog.

Service dogs are distinguished from pets and comfort animals because they are specially trained to perform tasks or work for a specific individual with a disability who cannot perform the task or accomplish the work independently. To be eligible for the veterinary health benefit, the service dog must be trained by an organization accredited by Assistance Dogs International in accordance with VA regulations. Additional information about VA's service dog program can be found at

<https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/ServiceAndGuideDogs.asp>

FINANCIAL AID FOR PETS

Pet financial aid for paying unexpected vet bills and low cost Spay and Neuter and we have listed financial aid organizations of which we are aware. This is an ever-evolving listing and we appreciate anyone who may know of such organizations that are not on these financial aid lists. If you know of such organizations please E-mail: owens.stacy@ymail.com .

National and State Financial Aid Listings

<http://pгаа.com/financial-aid-for-pets/>

The Assistance Dog United Campaign (ADUC) is a health and human welfare organization which provides financial assistance to individuals who have the need for an assistance dog but have difficulty in raising the necessary funds and to people and programs whose purpose is to provide assistance dogs to people with disabilities.

Assistance Dog

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Nationwide Service Dog Training

Helping people with disabilities throughout the United States gain the independence and companionship a service dog provides!

<https://doggiedoesgood.org/financial-assistance-application/>