



AMERICAN HUMANE

Protecting Children & Animals Since 1877

Foreclosure Pets Grant Application Instructions

Please read these instructions prior to completing your application.

Eligibility for Awards

To be considered for the Foreclosure Pets Grant, an organization must:

- Be a nonprofit agency approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) entity, **or** be a public (local government) entity. Nonprofit agencies must be incorporated as a nonprofit in the state or territory in which they are located.
- Be an Agency member of American Humane.
- Be located and operate within the United States of America or its territories.
- Submit a completed application and provide receipts where necessary.

Types of Projects

The American Humane Association recognizes that animal shelters, rescue groups and animal care and control agencies are seeing more animal victims of the economic downturn and the housing foreclosure crisis. To help ease the current hardship, American Humane is offering grants to these organizations to help with animal victims of foreclosures.

Because we recognize that the Human-Animal Bond is strong, the emphasis is on keeping pets with their families whenever possible. Therefore extra consideration will be given to programs that assist families in caring for their pets and keep pets with families until housing can be found. These programs could be for, but are not limited to:

- Pet deposits for rental housing
- Behavior training
- Veterinary expenses (e.g., vaccinations, spay/neuter, other vet care)
- Public awareness campaigns regarding the issue
- Boarding costs to keep pets until owners can reclaim them

American Humane also recognizes that some owners have no choice but to leave their pets at shelters or rescue organizations during these difficult times, and that this increases the organizations' financial burden. Some pets end up at shelters because they were abandoned in foreclosed homes with disastrous results. Because of this, grants may also be awarded to organizations to help them re-home these pets. These grants can be used for, but are not limited to:

- Boarding costs
- Behavior training to get pets companion-ready
- Veterinary expenses
- Foster care expenses

Accountability

Organizations receiving funds from American Humane for any purpose are accountable to American Humane for use of the grant monies as designated in the proposal. At the completion of the project, the grantee must submit a report indicating the disposition of funds. The organization may be required to remit copies of receipts, invoices and other documents in support of its report.



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American Humane Association Foreclosure Pets Grant Application

Organization _____

Executive Director _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Agency Phone Number _____

Direct Line _____

Fax Line _____

Agency Email _____

Agency Website _____

Organization Contact Person _____

Contact Person Title _____

Contact Person Number _____

Contact Person Email _____

Please note: Only animal sheltering agencies (private or public) are considered for the grant. There are no provisions in the guidelines of this grant for individuals, businesses and corporations.

1. Your agency is (please check one):

- Currently a member of American Humane
- Submitting membership application and dues at this time

If your organization is a current or lapsed member of American Humane, please include your

Membership Identification Number _____

2. Your agency is (please check all that apply):

- Animal shelter
 - Municipal or tribal animal control facility
 - Breed-specific rescue group
 - All-volunteer foster network
 - Private nonprofit with animal control contract
 - Trap-neuter-return group
 - Non-shelter animal welfare group
 - Other (please describe): _____
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3. Please provide the following data using your last completed fiscal year.

- a. Number of shelters housing animals _____
- b. Operating budget \$ _____
- c. Number of paid full-time staff _____
- d. Number of active volunteers _____
- e. Total average volunteer hours per week _____

4. Grant amount requested (maximum amount is \$2,000) \$ _____

5. Please provide a brief description of the program or expenses you are requesting grant funds for. **Please note that if you are requesting funds to pay for boarding or veterinary services, you will be required to provide copies of all receipts.** (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

6. If the funds are being requested for a specific pet or family, please provide a description of how your agency became involved in this case. Please also describe what specific help is needed, why the assistance is needed and any timeframes involved. (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

7. Required Attachments

a. For private nonprofit agencies:

- A copy of the organization's nonprofit 501(c)(3) letter of confirmation from the Internal Revenue Service.

b. For public (local government or tribal) agencies:

- A letter of confirmation, on official government letterhead, verifying your agency's status as a public animal care or control agency.

8. Please send your completed application to:

American Humane Association
Attn: Foreclosure Pets Grant Program
63 Inverness Drive East, Englewood, CO 80112
Telephone: (800) 227-4645 Email: info@AmericanHumane.org