

The Covid-19 pandemic is forcing many pet owners to choose between caring for their pets and caring for themselves. If you are struggling financially, out of work, facing loss of or changes in housing, there are resources that may be able to help you provide for your pet and keep them with your family during this difficult time. The Humane Society for Southwest Washington (HSSW) is committed to assisting the community by supporting pet owners facing loss of housing and other economic hardships.

PET FOOD BANKS

Humane Society for Southwest Washington CHOW Program

is a program for families in SW Washington in need of temporary assistance feeding their pets. Pet food is currently available to any family or individual in need of assistance. CHOW pet food is available during regular business hours at HSSW's Admission area and at the ReTails Thrift Store. HSSW works closely with food banks and pantries, and organizations serving those in need to ensure pet food is readily available throughout our community. For more information contact HSSW Community Programs at communityprograms@southwesthumane.org or call **360-984-6068**.

LOW-COST VACCINATIONS

Good Neighbor Vet

Mobile Veterinary Services in Washington and Oregon. A convenient and affordable alternative, Good Neighbor Vet has multiple locations throughout the northwest providing low-cost dog/cat pet vaccinations, parasite treatments, and other limited mobile veterinary services. Website goodneighborvet.com or call **888-234-1350**.

LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER FOR CATS

Humane Society for Southwest Washington Spay & Save Program

This program is available for cats only. HSSW offers low-cost spay and neuter options for cats of low-income families. Spay & Save services are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment for your cat call **360-984-6052** or email spaysave@southwesthumane.org

Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon

For feral and "community" cats, to inquire about scheduling an appointment, call **503-797-2606**

VETERINARY ASSISTANCE

The Portland Animal Welfare (PAW) Team

PAW provides veterinary services for the pets of people who are homeless, living in transitional housing, working with a referring agency, or able to provide proof of income below the federal poverty line. Eligibility information: pawteam.org/how-to-qualify-1 or call **503-206-6033**.

Cat Adoption Team

A small fund is available to provide one-time financial assistance for veterinary expenses for cats whose owners are struggling financially. For more information, email helpline@catadoptionteam.org or call **503-925-8903**

Animal Aid Cares Fund

This fund works in partnership with veterinarians across Portland, offering each partner clinic the ability to submit one grant request per month, at their discretion, to cover veterinary costs up to \$500. Email contact@animalaidpdx.org or call **503-292-6628**.

EMERGENCY PET BOARDING – CLARK & SKAMANIA COUNTIES

Safe Haven

HSSW provides emergency boarding assistance for families of Clark and Skamania counties. The program provides relief for families facing a temporary hardship or displacement due to domestic violence, emergency medical issues, and other urgent needs that prevent them from caring for their pet. Approval is dependent on available space and cannot be guaranteed. For more information or to request immediate boarding for qualified cases, email communityprograms@southwesthumane.org or call **360-984-6068**.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

wliha.org/resources/covid-19-resources

Northwest Fair Housing Alliance

nwfairhouse.org/resources

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS IN HOUSING

An emotional support animal is not a pet. An emotional support animal is a companion animal that provides therapeutic benefit to an individual with a mental or psychiatric disability. The person seeking the emotional support animal must have a verifiable disability (the reason cannot just be a need for companionship). The animal is viewed as a “reasonable accommodation” under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (FHA or FHAct) to those housing communities that have a “no pets” rule. For more information about your rights and to view a sample letter, visit these websites: pawsopeningdoors.com and bazelon.org.