



Texas Unites P.E.T.S. Presentation by Leslie Harrelson

PETS Pantry (pet food assistance program)

- Link to program's page for guidelines
<http://www.petslowcostspayandneuter.org/programs/pets-pantry/>
- Copies of our Pantry Handout and Pantry dispensing cheat sheet
<http://www.petslowcostspayandneuter.org/wp-content/uploads/Pantry-Food-Dispensing.pdf>
<http://www.petslowcostspayandneuter.org/wp-content/uploads/Pantry-Guidelines.pdf>
- Quick Summary: PETS provides pet food assistance for up to 4 pets per family (because that is our city's limit) once a month. We strive to supplement a minimum of 25% of the pet's nutritional needs based on breed, size, and weight with quality pet food. Though we do not provide cat food to feral colony caretakers, we commonly have expired or surplus food that we donate to cat groups. We track our clients with a notecard system. At their first visit, they must fill out the application. If the pets are not with them or are not altered, we will provide a one-time donation based on estimated weight. Pet owners must bring pets and/or have them fixed before assistance continues. We require pets to be seen once a year to make sure the pets we are feeding are still in the household and update weights. Once requirements are met, we make a notecard for the pet owners and they can come once a month at their convenience during our Pantry hours.
- Funding ideas: food drives, collection at Petco/PetSmart, collection of broken bags at Walmart or big box stores in your area

Chainoff Wichita Falls (fence building program)

- Link to program's page for application and information
<http://www.petslowcostspayandneuter.org/programs/chain-off/>
- Link to FB page
<https://www.facebook.com/Chainoffwf/>
- Link to fence building instructions
http://www.homedepot.com/c/fencing_how_to_install_posts_rails_chain_link_fence_HT_PG_BM
- Link to Chain off Waiver and media release
<http://www.petslowcostspayandneuter.org/wp-content/uploads/Chain-off-Authorization.pdf>

- Quick summary: PETS Chainoff WF builds fences for dogs living on chains. Dogs must be fixed and current on vaccines. They must also be living on a chain. We do not build fences for indoor dogs whose owners do not want to walk them outside on a leash. Our Chainoff lead measure the yard and draw up fencing plans, order supplies, and schedule the build. They recruit volunteers using FB and require owners to participate in the build when able bodied. We typically fence in 100ft of a yard to keep our cost around \$400/fence. Most builds are completed over a 2 week period by setting posts one Saturday and installing the chain-link the following Saturday. We use 5' chain-link.
- There are similar programs to ours across the nation.
Fences for Fido <https://www.facebook.com/FencesForFido/?fref=ts>
Alabama Chained Dogs <https://www.facebook.com/alabamachaineddogs/>

Hounds Habitat (feral cat and dog shelters)

- Link to program page
<http://www.petslowcostspayandneuter.org/programs/hounds-habitat-project/>
- Link to barrel How-to
<http://www.petslowcostspayandneuter.org/wp-content/uploads/Barrels-as-Dog-Shelters-How-to.pdf>
- Funding ideas: boy scouts, church groups, left over supplies from builds, Home Depot & Lowes, farmers, other unwanted resources that could serve as shelter in your communities

PETS are Family Too! (training program)

- Link to programs page
<http://www.petslowcostspayandneuter.org/programs/pets-are-family-too/>
- Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/petstoo/>
- Partnership with area obedience clubs and trainers
- Quick Summary: Pets are family too is aimed at low-income pet owners to reduce relinquishment and improve bond between pet and pet owners through basic obedience training. Advertise in your housing authorities, community health care centers, and lower socio economic schools.

Transport

- Link to Transport page
<http://www.petslowcostspayandneuter.org/programs/rural-transport/>
- Quick Summary: PETS picks up in 4 rural communities approximately 1 hour away every week. We rotate between each community so that they know which week is theirs of every month. In some communities we partner with the local shelters. In others we just use a local business. We have a backup plan in each location for stormy weather like a nearby carwash or pavilion so the driver and pets have shelter.

Out-Reach

- Link to programs page
<http://www.petslowcostspayandneuter.org/programs/pets-out-reach/>
- HSUS' Pets for Life toolkit
<https://www.animalsheltering.org/page/tools-bring-pets-life-your-community>
- Quick Summary: PETS Out-Reach team pounds the pavement in underserved areas. The HSUS toolkit will show you how to create a community assessment and identify your target areas. We go door to door building relationships, assessing needs. When bad weather is approaching we drive alley ways looking for dogs without shelters or straw. We provide simple preventative vetting like flea/tick prevention, de-worming, spay/neuter vouchers, water bowls, information about our Chainoff and Pantry programs.

Pets Fest

- Link to videos
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPs_MGtAxUc
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzGTY3NjZS0>
- Needed supplies/volunteers/set up
<http://www.petslowcostspayandneuter.org/wp-content/uploads/PETS-Fest-suggested-stations-and-volunteers.pdf>
- Where to find cheap or free stuff
Pharmaceutical companies may provide free vaccines, ID tag machine, Heartworm puppy packs, flea/tick prevention and literature.
Collars:
Small & Medium
<https://www.dollardays.com/i681881-wholesale-dog-collars-reflective-nylon.html>
Large
<https://www.dollardays.com/i1266931-wholesale-spunkeez-paws-n-bones-collar-large.html>

Funding & Grant information copied from <https://www.animalsheltering.org/grant-listings>

- **Albert Schweitzer Animal Welfare Fund** provides funding to U.S. based 501(c)(3) organizations that promote humane education, humane sheltering, solutions to overpopulation and animal protection.
- **American Humane** administers the Meacham grant to 501(c)(3) organizations and the Second Chance Fund to both public and private shelters or rescues.
- **Animal Farm Foundation** offers grants for adoption, enrichment and other programs for 501(c)(3) organizations focused on supporting pit bull type dogs by providing equal opportunities and treatment.

- **ASPCA Grants program** provides support to a variety of U.S.-based nonprofit animal welfare organizations through cash grants, sponsorships, and training.
- **Banfield Foundation** funds U.S. programs designed to keep pets and owners together. Various opportunities exist for 501(c)(3) organizations.
- **The Binky Foundation** prioritizes seed funding for new programs or equipment purchases promoting animal protection and habitat preservation, and also considers funding for long-term or ongoing projects. 501(c)(3) not required.
- **Bissell Pet Foundation** provides financial support to programs of municipal and 501(c)(3) organizations focused on adoption, spay/neuter, microchipping, foster care, and safety nets. Funding also considered for emergency relief in addition to hoarding and puppy mill rescue efforts.
- **Cats R Cool** provides funding for enrichment items, vaccines, and spay/neuter for cats, as well as renovations of cat rooms.
- The **Edith J. Goode Residuary Trust** reviews proposals from humane societies seeking scholarship support for staff training in nonprofit management (with a focus on shelters) or organizational surveys of animal demographics and trends in shelter numbers, indicating how this data will be used to develop more effective programs. Proof of 501 (c)(3) status is required.
- **The Grey Muzzle Organization** provides grants and special programs for 501(c)(3) organizations whose activities include helping senior dogs.
- **The Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust** invites proposals from active 501(c)(3) humane organizations based in the USA for projects designed to enhance the well-being of animals in Ohio, elsewhere in the Great Lakes region(IL, IN, MI, WI, Western PA, Upstate NY, and Northeastern MN), or in the Nation as a whole.
- **Laura J. Niles Foundation** funds 501(c)(3) organizations, primarily in the Northeastern U.S., with initiatives that support people and animals simultaneously. Areas of concentration include canine health research, animal protection & adoption, search & rescue training, human assistance and similar fields of interest.
- **Maddie's Fund** offers a variety of grants and opportunities designed to help build and sustain a no-kill nation so shelter dogs and cats can be guaranteed a loving home.

- [The Mason Foundation for Animal Shelter Design](#) awards matching grants to municipal and 501(c)(3) organizations in the United States to help fund needs assessments and schematic architectural drawings for new buildings or remodeling projects.
- [Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society](#) is recruiting new groups for its mentoring program for free-roaming cats. This program works with non-profits and municipalities that have never received a targeted or free-roaming grant from PetSmart Charities before and are interested in getting spay/neuter money through the free-roaming cat program.
- [Oxbow Animal Rescue Grant](#) supports operating and programs for rescue organizations caring for specific species of reptiles, small animals, and wildlife, and cats.
- [The Pedigree Foundation](#) offers grants to 501(c)(3) organizations for programs that enhance dog adoptions.
- The [PETCO Foundation](#) offers disaster assistance and pet food bank support to municipal and private organizations.
- [Petfinder Foundation](#) offers support for disaster preparation and recovery, enrichment, pet sponsorship and vaccinations to Petfinder members. Municipal and private agencies are eligible.
- [PetSmart Charities, Inc.](#) funds adoption, spay/neuter, and emergency relief programs for eligible 501(c)(3) public charities in the U.S., registered charities in Canada, cities or counties with animal care and control budgets, nonprofit educational institutions, and tribal authorities.
- [PetSmart Charities, Inc.](#) offers grants in two categories to reduce free-roaming cat populations and lower shelter intake and euthanasia including Free-Roaming Cat Spay/Neuter and Community Cats grants.
- [The Summerlee Foundation](#) funds 501(c)(3) organizations according to specific program criteria, including a US focus on cats, wildlife rehabilitation and sanctuaries, and emergency funding.
- The [USDA Rural Development Housing and Community Facilities Program](#) offers loans and grants for essential community facilities, including municipal and private animal shelters, in communities with populations under 20,000.
- The [William and Charlotte Parks Foundation for Animal Welfare and Protection](#) provides funding to 501(c)(3) organizations for capital grants, project grants, and general operating funds.

More Funding:

- <https://redrover.org/pet-food-pantry-assistance-grants> Pet Food Assistance Programs
- <http://www.bnsffoundation.org/how-to-apply/> Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation
- Non-Profit Management Centers will have list of local foundations. Many small foundations do not have websites or application processes but they love to give. Remember local foundations usually only give to local charities so competition is less and the process may be easier.
- Banks: Wells Fargo, Bank of America and many more all have grant programs available for the communities they have branches in.
- Junior League, Civic Groups, and Officer's Clubs are very community minded and enjoy raising money for causes close to their hearts.
- Area Community Foundations: Reservoir of local philanthropists that prefer to give through the foundation for ease and record keeping. ACF also make it possible for your organization to receive property, stocks, and bonds. Most ACF will have grant processes and many provide opportunities like giving days, endowments, etc., for non-profits.

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