



Virginia Beach SPCA H.O.P.E. Application

The Virginia Beach SPCA is reaching out to help the community during economic downturn in order to allow people to retain their pets. While costs are a certain responsibility of owning pets, there will always be circumstances when a pet needs help beyond normal financial means. H.O.P.E. assists owners in covering medical costs beyond the expenses of routine veterinary care (vaccinations, spay & neuter surgeries, preventative medicines and procedures) when their financial situation limits the ability to care for their pet.

We screen all requests for medical assistance – only in extreme cases do we assist with procedures considered routine veterinary care - these expenses are a part of the responsibility of pet ownership - therefore we try to utilize funds for crisis care and to assist those people who have true financial need in the face of an unexpected medical issue for their pet. H.O.P.E. clients will be expected to contribute a percentage of the assistance requested. All assistance depends on funds available and pays for services provided by our clinic. To qualify for this program there will be an intake interview & supporting documentation must be supplied.

To be considered for H.O.P.E. a pet must:

- Have a life-threatening injury or illness that requires urgent and specific treatment
- Have a favorable prognosis.
- Be current on vaccinations & be spayed or neutered*

*can be provided by our clinic at an assisted cost to applicant to help determine eligibility for needed service.

- **NOTE:** The VBSPCA requires a copy of the most-current vet records for ALL pets upon turning in a H.O.P.E./Pet Pantry Application!

All applicants will need to fill out and supply the following:

- Application Form & Supporting Documentation including picture ID
- Proof of income & Government/Social services benefits such as: unemployment paperwork; two most recent pay stubs; documentation of Social Security benefits/ SSDI; or any other documents that can support that there is need for assistance.
- If not diagnosed by the VBSPCA Pet Clinic, a copy of a written cost estimate for the needed procedures and/or treatment from a veterinarian.
 - **NOTE:** If animal requires VBSPCA Veterinary diagnosis, the CLIENT is responsible for the \$25 Illness Exam Fee at the time of the appointment, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Once an application is received it will be reviewed and an interview will be arranged with the applicant. If the application is approved, the applicant will be contacted within one to two business days from interview and provided a service letter outlining the approved amount of H.O.P.E. benefits.

The client's portion must be paid directly to the VBSPCA Clinic *at the time of service*. The client will be responsible for the cost of any additional vaccinations, tests or other procedures requested which are not addressed in the service letter. If there are additional costs, or issues with paying a clinic bill, this will be between the client and the Clinic Coordinator. ***H.O.P.E. is only responsible for prior approved expenses outlined in the service letter.***



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Name: _____ Date _____

Address: _____

Phone No.:(home) _____(cell) _____

E-mail Address _____

Employer: _____ Hours worked weekly/rate of pay: _____

Name and ages of all persons residing in the home: _____

Total Monthly Household Income: _____

Government Services currently received: _____

Species/Breed/Name/Age/Spayed/Neutered of pets in the home

Please list any other pertinent information that may make you eligible for the VBSPCA's H.O.P.E. Program.

I understand H.O.P.E. provides temporary assistance and I need approval for each additional service my pet receives. I will be required to pay partial costs to my pet's. Missed appointments with the clinic will result in denial of any H.O.P.E. coverage.

X

Applicant signature

Date

Office Use Only

Supporting documentation enclosed _____

Interview by & date _____

Date Services are valid _____

Services qualified for _____

(9/01/2011) The VBSPCA does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, or race and reserves the right to deny assistance to anyone for any reason. Funding resources are limited, and VBSPCA makes every effort to use limited funds in the most responsible way to serve as many pets in the community as possible. Services are temporary assistance and all applications are valid for six months.