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NY SAVE FUNDING GUIDELINES

NY SAVE's purpose is to provide funds for the emergency veterinary care of pets when their owners are unable to pay due to financial hardship.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Applicants must live in one of the five boroughs of New York City.
- Veterinarians must practice in one of the five boroughs of New York City.
- NY SAVE can assist only in cases of true emergencies, defined as:
 - a) When without veterinary care the pet could die;
 - b) The animal has an acute condition that without veterinary care it will experience undue pain and suffering.
- NY SAVE cannot fund chronic conditions requiring ongoing treatment which owners will not be able to pay for.
- If NY SAVE can help, we can fund a maximum of \$2,000 per case.
- NY SAVE is unable to work with rescue groups unless an individual owner has been identified and will apply for funding themselves.
- NY SAVE is unable to fund treatment for animals dropped off at Veterinarian/Hospital by "Good Samaritans."

OWNER REQUIREMENTS:

- Owner must be living at or below the poverty line which is defined as \$12,000 for individuals and \$23,300 for families. (Individual cases may vary)
- Owner must be able to provide proof of income and New York City residency.
- Owner must complete NY SAVE FUNDING APPLICATION.
- Owner must see a veterinarian and obtain a diagnosis, prognosis and cost estimate before NY SAVE can approve funding.
- Owner must apply for Care Credit which can usually be done through their veterinarian.
- Owners are encouraged to pay whatever they can and payment is to be made directly to their veterinarian.
- Cases must receive funding approval BEFORE any treatment is provided.

VETERINARIAN/HOSPITAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Veterinarian/Hospital must be willing to discount their fees by at least 20%.
- Veterinarian needs to complete the second section of the NY SAVE FUNDING APPLICATION.
- If veterinarian is applying on behalf of an owner all information requested in OWNER SECTION above must be provided.
- NY SAVE must receive a written diagnosis, prognosis and cost estimate with discount clearly noted BEFORE any case can be approved.
- Once a case is approved, any additional treatment will also require NY SAVE approval if additional funding is being requested.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL CASES REQUIRE ADVANCE WRITTEN APPROVAL BEFORE ANY FUNDING CAN BE PROVIDED. PLEASE EITHER EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO nycitysave@gmail.com or FAX TO 718-720-1110.