



SOS Program Criteria

Purpose of Program

The purpose of the SOS Program is to reduce euthanasia and relinquishment of animals to shelters by providing assistance to responsible pet owners, allowing them to retain their animal. Financial assistance may include helping to offset temporary boarding costs or rental pet deposits while an owner relocates, or assisting with veterinary treatment.

Amount Available for Funding

The monetary amount available to individuals through the SOS Program will vary but will not exceed \$500. This is a one-time process and, once an individual has been approved for funding, they will not be eligible to receive funding again.

Who Can Seek Assistance

The SOS Program applies to residents of Placer County only, who are truly in need but are, otherwise, responsible animal caregivers. They must be able to demonstrate a history of responsible pet ownership and be able to continue to provide a safe and humane home environment for the animal. The Placer SPCA will rely on veterinarians and their assessment to help identify clients with a history of responsible pet ownership.

Types of Assistance

Temporary Boarding Costs: A pet owner who is temporarily unable to keep an animal due to relocation or other emergency circumstances may qualify for assistance with temporary boarding costs.

Rental Pet Deposits: The SOS Program can help with a one-time pet deposit for a rental unit. The Placer SPCA will contact the property owner/manager to confirm the details of the pet deposit requirement.

Veterinary Treatment: The SOS Program is designed to help animals in immediate need with unexpected, life threatening conditions or conditions which, if left untreated, would likely prove debilitating and result in a poor quality of life for the animal, in the opinion of a veterinarian. Candidates for funding are expected to receive a prognosis indicating a positive recovery after treatment.

Limitations

1. Treatment of a cosmetic nature or diseases of a chronic nature, requiring ongoing care or management, will not be funded.
2. Animals with behavior and/or temperament problems may not be candidates for funding.
3. It is required that animals receiving treatment are spayed or neutered, or will be altered at the time of treatment if deemed appropriate by the veterinarian.