



providing veterinary care for the pets of people who are homeless or in poverty

Memo to service providers July 23, 2010

***** Due to an overwhelming demand for our services, PAW Team will be making changes to our intake policy in order to provide services to those most in need. *****

As of October 3, 2010, clients must meet the following criteria to qualify for free veterinary services at our regular clinics (preventative and minor medical care only; emergency treatment outside of our regular clinics is not available at this time).

Clients must bring proof of one of the following to clinics **beginning Oct 3, 2010**:

1. Currently receiving one or more of the following assistance programs:
 1. Food stamps
 2. Medicaid
 3. WIC (Woman, Infants and Children)
 4. SSI
 5. AFDC
 6. TANF
 7. Section 8/public housing
 8. Other government assistance programs

2. Experiencing some form of homelessness, including couch surfing, transitional housing/shelter, recovery center, camping, Dignity Village, travel with no fixed home, or living with parents or guardians.

At PAW Team veterinary clinics:

- Priority is given to those who meet the criteria listed above.
- We encourage a minimum donation of \$10 so that we may continue to offer services. No one is refused for inability to pay.
- Clients are accepted on a walk-in basis as time allows. Sign-up begins at 11:30 am, and we begin seeing patients at 1 pm. No appointments will be taken by phone.
- The clinic is typically full by 2:00pm or before. Clients should be prepared to wait for several hours, or come back at an assigned time period after sign-up. We currently have an indoor location with restrooms, and will have coffee and water available.

PAW Team is currently unable to provide care for pets outside of our regularly scheduled clinics. If clients have an emergency situation with their pets, they can try contacting Animal Aid, or possibly JOIN or Dove Lewis. We have recently been made aware that both Animal Aid and Dove Lewis are also out of funds for emergency care. The need is very great, and the resources limited, sadly...