

Pet Resources

Veterinary Clinics and Pet Health Care

- **Merwin Clinic**

- They provide free office visits and outpatient veterinary services. These can include routine physical exams and recommendations for how people can best care for their animals. Medicines to cure sick animals, (e.g. antibiotics) and preventative medicines, (e.g. heartworm pills and vaccines) are available at reduced rates.
- Contact Information:
 - <https://merwinclinic.org/>
 - (617) 782-5420
 - 542 Cambridge St., Allston, MA 02134
 - Walk-ins only: no appointments

- **Pet Care Assistance-MSPCA Angell**

- They offer discounted medical care for sick or injured animals who have owners meet financial eligibility criteria or who are active military personnel. Must apply for funding.
 - https://www.mspca.org/angell_services/nashoba/
- They offer pet food for emergency circumstances.
- They also offer \$15 microchips during their adoption centers.
 - https://www.mspca.org/pet_resources/15-walk-in-microchips-at-mspca-adoption-centers/
- Contact Information for application:
 - (617) 541-5028
 - Email: angelladmittingoffice@mspca.org.

- **Tufts at Tech Community Veterinary Clinic**

- Tufts at Tech provides the Greater Worcester community with low-cost, preventative and primary care for companion animals, including:
 - Routine wellness care
 - Vaccinations and parasite screening and prevention
 - Stable urgent care for: ear infections, vomiting, diarrhea, urinary and upper respiratory infections
 - Diagnostic services including blood testing and digital radiology
 - Basic surgeries such as: spay/neuter, small mass removal and wound repair
 - Dentistry
- Contact information to determine if eligible
 - (508) 751-7670
 - <https://vetmed.tufts.edu/tufts-at-tech/financial-policies-tuftsattech/>

- **SPAY MASS**

- Offer a comprehensive list of low-cost spay/neuter services in the state of Massachusetts
- Contact Information:
 - <http://massanimalcoalition.org/resources/spay-neuter/spay-neuter-map/>
 - Email: info@massanimalcoalition.org
 - (978) 465-1940
- Be sure to include the town you live in, and what type of animal you are looking for help with so employees can refer you to a specific location.

Pet Food

- **List of Pet Food Pantries (and Food Pantries that stock Pet Food)**

- https://www.mspca.org/animal_protection/massachusetts-food-pantries/

Pet Surrender Locations

- **MSPCA Angell**

- “If you are no longer able to care for your animal, you can bring him/her to the MSPCA. Our Adoption Centers take in owned animals as well as stray cats and small mammals. If you find a stray dog, please contact the animal control officer in the town in which the dog was found.”
- Contact Information
 - <https://www.mspca.org/programs-resources/surrender-an-animal/>
 - (617) 541-5028

- **Worcester Animal Rescue League**

- To surrender a dog, please fill out the [dog surrender form](#). Please submit a photo of the dog you wish to surrender. You’ll be contacted when they have space. Surrenders are made by appointment only. The surrender fee for an altered dog is \$100; unaltered is \$150.
- To surrender a cat, call the shelter and ask if there is room available for a surrendered cat(s). If room is available, we can accept your cat that day and ask that you fill out the [Cat Surrender Application and Contract](#). Mail it to the shelter, fax it to **508-852-1868** or email it to Melanie@worcesterarl.org. If there are no open cages, we cannot accept the cat at this time and request you call every day until we have the room. Surrenders are made by appointment only. The surrender fee for an altered cat is \$50; unaltered is \$100.

Financial Assistance

Brown Dog Foundation

- For families who are in financial crisis and are unable to provide emergency life-saving treatment or medications to their pet.
- Link: <http://www.browndogfoundation.org/prequal>
- Proof of income, hardship and ownership of pet required.

The Magic Bullet Fund

- Link: <https://themagicbulletfund.org/apply/>
- Organization helps families whose dogs have cancer and they cannot afford treatment.
- Also lists other financial resources on this webpage.

The Mosby Foundation

- Dedicated to helping families or individual owners of neutered dogs with cancer.
- Application: <https://www.themosbyfoundation.org/apply-for-assistance/>

RedRover Relief

- Link: <https://redrover.org/relief/urgent-care-grants/>
- Provide financial assistance, resources and emotional support to pet guardians struggling with economic hardship when pets are in life-threatening situation.
- Response is expected in 1-2 business days
- Typical grant is around \$200 and is intended to fill a small gap in funding that is keeping an animal from care.

Safety Planning and Fostering:

When coping with illness, homelessness, domestic violence, environmental emergencies or other challenging life circumstance, individuals may need support developing a plan and/or finding a temporary home to keep their pets safe.

- Do you have a friend or family member who can house your pets?
- If not, have you contacted area human societies and pet shelters about fostering options?

The Second Step in Newton

- Can provide individual pet safety conversations on their domestic violence hotline: 781-235-8460

Safe People Safe Pets

- Must be working with an advocate and be leaving a domestic violence situation.
- If a foster home is available, they can typically house pets for 30-60 days.
- 617-999-3055; SafePeopleSafePets@yahoo.com

Safety Plan for Animals (SPAN)

- Program through Dakin Human Society Springfield, MA, provides temporary foster care for the pets of people who are: elderly or disabled and need a temporary stay in a hospital or nursing facility, seeking emergency shelter from domestic violence, or seeking alternative housing due to a fire.
- 413-781-4000; <https://www.dakinhumane.org/animal-safety-plan.html>

Elizabeth Freeman Center Safe Pet Program

- Program affiliated with the Berkshire Human Society that temporarily fosters pets for people who are experiencing domestic violence or elder abuse.
- 866-401-2425; <http://www.havennetwork.org/SafePet-Program.pdf>

Phinney's Friends

- Volunteer organization that helps pet owners keep and care for their pets.
- At times, they can also offer temporary foster services.
- 617-979-8705; <http://phinneys.org/get-help/>

Ready.gov

- Emergency preparedness planning, including plans for pets
- <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>
- Includes a PDF fill in sheet to plan for emergencies with your animals

For additional questions, or suggested additions to this list, please call Bethany Hadvab, Sudbury Town Social Worker, at (978) 440-5476.

Please visit <https://sudbury.ma.us/socialworker/> for up to date information and resources.