



Welcome.

A dog wags its tail with its heart and a meow massages the heart. THE PET PROJECT understands this. We believe the unconditional love of a companion animal offers the gift of healing and companionship for people facing the challenges of living with a terminal illness or disability, and we are committed to a strength-based philosophy of empowering you and others to care for and keep their companion animals.

Please read the enclosed fact/FAQ sheet for more information about our services. Once you have completed and returned the enclosed application, our staff will review and evaluate it. While one only needs to be living with a life threatening or disabling condition to be eligible for services, the extent to which we will subsidize current and future services will be based on our evaluation of your financial disclosure. While many of our clients are to one degree or another in financial need, the level to which you will be subsidized is based on your need relative to others and the constraints of our budget. You will receive services at either the cost to us (a significant savings) or on a sliding fee scale. In our notification package you will be advised as to your subsidy for the food bank and vaccination services.

While filling out the actual application may not rank high on the pleasures of having a pet, the questions we've asked and the information you will provide are essential to creating a quality and innovative pet care service responsive to you and your companion animal's particular needs. Please read through and completely fill out the application materials which include the following:

- A. Cover Letter.
- B. Fact/FAQ sheet.
- C. General Information.
- D. Financial Disclosure.
- E. Pet Information – one for each companion pet.
- F. Rules & Regulations regarding the animal food/supplies.
- G. General Release form.

Please complete and sign all documents where requested. If you need additional space for your responses, you may include a separate page. Please be as thorough as possible in your responses, especially on the Pet Personality Profile. No detail is too small or inconsequential to include. The more detailed your responses are, the better we will be able to assist you and your pet(s) as we increase the scope of our services. Please note that we can only accept a maximum of two pets per client.

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Once you have completed the application and related forms, please return them in the enclosed envelope. It is important that you remember to include the following items when returning the completed application to us:

- Your application.**
- The Financial Disclosure. This includes any income verification like Social Security Disability awards letter, pay stubs, etc.**
- A Pet Information Form for each companion animal to be covered.**
- A clear & recent photograph of each pet (For our records, a single picture of multiple pets is acceptable).**
- A copy of most recent veterinary papers if you have them (If you have a vet, ask them for a copy).**
- A letter of diagnosis, issued within the past six months, signed and dated by a health care professional. (If you receive SSI or SSDI, a copy of their letter sent to you at the beginning of the year will cover both your income and disability verification.)**
- A copy of your State issued photo ID.**

Once you have completed the application, call us to schedule an interview. You can bring original documents or photos with you and we will make photo copies. If you live in Miami-Dade or Palm Beach County, mail us your application with the necessary documentation and we will contact you.

Contact us if you have any additional questions. Our complete application can also be downloaded online at <http://www.petprojectforpets.org/pdf/Complete%20Application%20for%20Pet%20Project.pdf>

Very truly yours,

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