

Jimmy's Fund Program Overview

What is Jimmy's Fund?

Jimmy's Fund is modeled after Washington State University's program, the Good Samaritan Fund. It is the brainchild of community leader James Moore, DVM, and dedicated to Jim and Rachel Stromeyer's family to commemorate the passing of their beloved dog Jimmy, who had a wonderful life.

Jimmy's Fund is a partnership with local veterinarians to offer financial assistance to pet owners in need. Jimmy's Fund will help offset costs of uncharacteristic veterinary bills or nonstandard veterinary care. Funds may only be used at participating veterinary offices. KHS will administer the program.

Who is Eligible to Receive Assistance?

Assistance is restricted to residents of Kitsap County and areas of the Olympic Peninsula that KHS serves, including sections of Mason County, Jefferson County and Pierce County. Applicants do not necessarily need to be low-income, but **must** prove need for assistance. Priority will be given to those facing financial hardship.

What Veterinary Procedures are Covered Under the Fund?

Jimmy's Fund will cover atypical or unexpected veterinary needs, such as special surgeries, emergency care or medicines and therapies required for an undiscovered illness. It will not routine care like annual exams or spay/neuter surgeries (except for female dogs over 75 pounds). All applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Assistance for declawing of cats will only be approved if absolutely medically necessary.

How to Request Assistance?

Applications for Jimmy's Fund are available at participating veterinary offices, KHS and online. Application must include: application for assistance, quote on medical procedures by veterinarian and signed affidavit stating all information is accurate (we will not require copies of pay stubs, etc.)

Applications are submitted to KHS and reviewed by the Director of Animal Welfare within five business days of being received. The Director of Animal Welfare will inform the client of application approval or denial and refer to veterinary office if necessary. If approved, KHS coordinates payment with the veterinary office (funds are not provided directly to the client).

KHS will not approve more applications than there are funds in the account.

What is a Typical Gift Size?

There will not be a minimum or maximum gift KHS will award, however typical gift sizes will range from \$100-\$250. This is decided on a case-by-case basis by the Director of Animal Welfare.

How is the Fund Replenished?

Jimmy's Fund is primarily funded by donations made by veterinarians in memory of clients' pets at the time of euthanasia. Each veterinary office can select an amount or percentage they would like to donate per pet. The minimum is \$10 per pet. The veterinary clinic will fill out a form with the client's name, address and pet's name and submit it to KHS. KHS will send a letter of acknowledgement to the veterinarian and to the client. Due to expenses KHS will incur with postage and managing the fund, a 10% administration fee will be taken out of all donations. Private donations will also be accepted and are still subject to the administration fee.