

### Meet Mr. Sugar Kitty



Mr. Sugar Kitty needed his annual wellness exam and his vaccines. He is an older cat requiring routine blood work to check for common diseases that impact cats of his age. Living with a disability on a very limited income, his mom required financial help to ensure he recieved the care needed. Thankfully, because of the generosity of our member clinics and donors, Mr. Sugar Kitty received the care he needed and is happily cuddling with his mom at home.

## What we do!

The Animal Care Foundation works with Member Clinics to ensure that our neighbors who are over the age of 65 or disabled and in extreme financial need can access necessary veterinary care for their beloved pet.

We match our generous member clinics, who agree to provide some pro bono services, with clients in their area who are vetted to ensure they meet our qualifications.

By becoming a member clinic, you are saying to your community that you care and want to give back.

# **Veterinarians Control the Program**

- Member clinics have representatives on the board.
- We contact your clinic for permission prior to each referral.
- You may accept or refuse the referral.
- You have access to a yearly giving report for your clinic, as requested.
- You choose your clinic contact person and method of communication (phone, fax, email).
- · No member clinic fees or dues.

#### **Contact Us with any Questions:**

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# Clients are Screened for Eligibility

Applications are reviewed to ensure that clients:

1. Reside in your county.

AND

2. Are disabled or over the age of 65. AND

3. Are living at an income level at or below 135% of the federal poverty level. (This is the percentage used to determine acceptance into programs like Supplemental Social Security.)

## As a Member Clinic You are Agreeing to:

- · Accept at least one ACF client a year. (You may always deny a client at the point of referral, no questions asked.)
- Provide \$250 of pro bono service per year of necessary veterinary care to ACF clients whose referral you accept.
- Utilize the Supplemental Assistance Program for pets who need additional care (this provides \$1,000 of additional funds at no cost to the clinic).
- Provide reciepts for all care to ACF.



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### What to expect if you join as a Member Clinic:

Step 1: ACF staff will get in touch with your clinic contact person with a referral for a client who has completed our application process and been approved.

Step 2: The clinic contact person will decide if your clinic is able to accept the client (using the protocol you have laid out) and let ACF know the decision.

Step 3: Meet and treat the client's pet.

Step 4: Send a copy of the client's receipt to ACF showing the \$250 of probono service provided and the remaining balance (receipts for multiple visits are acceptible, but must all be in the same year).

Step 5: ACF will send you a check for up to \$1,000 towards the remaining balance. The client is responsible for 10% of the care after the pro bono portion.