



# **PETS FOR PATRIOTS**

## **VETERINARIAN PARTNER PROGRAM**

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Pets for Patriots helps **United States military veterans** and **Gold Star families** adopt an emotionally healing friend while giving those animals most overlooked for adoption the loving homes they deserve

# What makes us different

We are the only nationally operating 501(c)(3) charity that is:

- Open to **Gold Star spouses**, the husbands and wives of service members killed or declared missing in action (New! May 2025)
- Open to **veterans from WWII to active duty** and from all armed forces
- Focused on **overlooked shelter animals**: adult, special needs, long-term homeless dogs/cats, and large breed dogs
- Committed to **surrender prevention**





# Why our program works

- **Local impact:** helps veterans, Gold Star families, and dogs/cats in your community
- **Surrender prevention:** your practice helps reduce surrender and economic euthanasia through affordable, accessible, and trusted pet medical care
- **Pet care options:** brick/mortar practices for local care, savings on basics at VIP Petcare clinics, discount on 24/7 pet telehealth through Vetster—because one size does not fit all



# Turnkey and (mostly) free

Additional channel for your veterinary practice to thank heroes and hero families in your community in exchange for a modest fee discount (minimum 10%)

- **Free print and digital tools** to promote our partnership online, in your clinic, and through local media/community channels
- **Focus on health of overlooked pets:** dogs/cats who are adult, special needs, or chronically homeless, and large breed dogs
- **Clients referred to your practice** after they adopt a dog or cat through local shelter/rescue partners



Veterinary partners offer a modest,  
ongoing discount to Pets for Patriots  
adopters

**10% minimum required**, more is welcome:  
select discount level when you apply

# Program-eligible pets

These are the types of adopted dogs/cats who will be coming to you for care; must meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria:

- **Dog or cat at least 2 years of age**
- **Dog or cat with special needs** (birth defect, disability or chronic medical condition, **and** requiring lifelong care)
- **Dog or cat homeless for 6 months+** (total continuous homelessness at the shelter and/or any shelter from which pet was transferred; time as a 'stray' does not count)
- **Dog 40+ pounds at time of adoption**



# Pets for love, not work



**Dogs and cats adopted through Pets for Patriots  
are for companionship and emotional support  
only.**

We do not permit pets in our program to be  
trained as service animals - without exception!





# Allowable adoptions

**Adopters can have up to **two** program-eligible pets (dogs or cats) per person/per household - either simultaneously or over time.**

A great way to **help bonded pairs** and other compatible animals find loving homes!



# How it works...easy!

- 1** Individual applies to Pets for Patriots online or by phone, provides required documentation
- 2** Once approved, individual visits local shelter/rescue partner to adopt a pet
- 3** Shelter/rescue promptly sends Pets for Patriots signed adoption contract, photo of adopter and pet
- 4** Pets for Patriots post-adoption benefits, and follow up for a year!
- 5** Member visits your practice for ongoing quality, affordable pet care!



**Please ask for a client's Pets for Patriots  
veterinary letter at the first appointment**

**This letter confirms the individual adopted  
a pet—or two!— through our program**



**QUESTIONS? WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!**

**Read some of our most-asked  
questions...**





# Q: Can a veteran adopt more than one pet and bring to us for care?

Yes! Pets for Patriots members may have up to two program-eligible pets at any time. **For each to receive full benefits, including reduced-cost veterinary care, each pet must have a veterinary letter from us.**

The member may adopt both pets simultaneously (bonded pairs or other similarly compatible animals) or over time. Our veterinary partners are required to extend their agreed-upon discount to both Pets for Patriots dogs/cats.





# Q: Does our discount apply to a member's resident pets?

It is **solely your discretion** to extend the discount to a member's pre-existing or non-Pets for Patriots pets.

Many of our veterinary partners do because it's easier for billing and administrative purposes—and good business, too.



# Q: Can we ask for military ID, discharge papers, or a Gold Star's proof of casualty document?

No. We are experienced at reviewing a wide range of documentation relating to a veteran's eligibility or a Gold Star applicant's proof of casualty for their fallen hero.

Further, those documents contain confidential and highly sensitive information.

You may ask for other ID that is part of your customary client onboarding process, e.g., driver's license, rental agreement, utility bill, etc.





**FETCH!  
LET'S GET STARTED**

