

Dedicated professionals and volunteers caring for the many stray and unwanted dogs and cats of Fulton County.



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Our Mission Statement

The James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society is a non-profit, compassionate organization devoted to securing permanent, responsible, loving homes for the animals of Fulton County. The organization strives to achieve its mission through education and prevention of animal suffering. This shelter serves the Fulton County community in many ways:

1. *Provides shelter, food, water, medical care and safety to stray, homeless and unwanted cats and dogs.*
2. *Helps families find new animal companion.*
3. *Returns lost pets to their owners.*
4. *Teaches humane education in schools, kindness towards animals: safety around animals, the link between animal cruelty and violence against humans and builds self-confidence.*
5. *Has the most aggressive Spay/Neuter Program for low-income families in Fulton County.*
6. *Pet Food Bank for Seniors in Fulton County, helping seniors with financial difficulties feeding their companions.*
7. *Girl Scouts merit badge programs.*
8. *Alternative School Program, providing work-study opportunities for students. Advocates for Animal Law at the State and Federal levels.*
9. *Perhaps most importantly the Brennan Humane Society provides a tangible example of humane ethics and compassion for all living*

Cut Costs, Not Quality of Pet Care

You're committed to sticking by your pet through thick and thin, job or no job. But even bills for the basics—food, checkups, vaccinations, and preventive medicines—can mount rapidly. Here are some tips for easing the drain on your wallet without compromising care.

1. Check online for deals on food and medicine. Roberta Gorman of New York City, who lost her job last fall, orders special food for her cats from a website that offers lower prices and coupons. To treat one cat's renal failure, she also buys fluids online at a fraction of what they would cost at the animal hospital. Verify a site's reputation before making a purchase, and if you have any doubts, get the product from your veterinarian. Also ask if it's possible to prescribe a medication used for humans; a generic version at the pharmacy could be cheaper.
2. If your pet has ongoing medical needs, find out whether you can provide some treatments at home. Gorman's vet has trained her to administer subcutaneous fluids, resulting in substantial savings.
3. Find out about special offers for multiple-pet households, senior citizens, or older pets. Many veterinary schools and animal organizations offer low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and treatment. Some clinics help only pets of low-income owners while others accept all pets. Call your veterinarian or local animal shelter for information.
4. Consider investing in pet insurance, particularly if your pets are young and have no preexisting conditions. Gorman's insurance has paid a significant portion of her cats' vet bills. Pet insurance company Petplan offers a 5-percent discount to HSUS members and allows policyholders to create plans most appropriate to their needs and budgets. To research companies, visit <http://www.petinsurancereview.com/>.

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5. Take your pet for regular checkups. Keep him up-to-date on vaccinations and medications such as heartworm preventative and flea control. "We've had to treat dogs for heartworm - it's painful and can run upwards of \$1,000," says veterinary technician Erica Peck of Crofton, Md. "It wouldn't have been necessary if the dog had been kept on a monthly preventative, which costs very little in comparison." Buy the best food you can afford, and keep your pet fit with plenty of exercise. Keep cats indoors to prevent injury and disease.
6. Don't skimp on vet care. Small problems that go untreated can spiral into larger issues that require expensive treatment. "They're our responsibility," says Gorman, who never considered cutting back on her cats' treatment after she lost her job. "There was no question that we'd take care of them just like we'd care for ourselves."

For more money-saving pet care tips, visit:

http://www.hsus.org/pets/issues_affecting_our_pets/financial_aid/

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