



**ElderPet** | PO Box 624 | Durham, NH 03824 | [www.elderpet.org](http://www.elderpet.org) | 603-767-6856

### **Information About ElderPet for Social Service and Care Providers**

ElderPet strives to facilitate the human-animal bond by providing various services to low income elders, people with disabilities, and hospice families having difficulty. The physical services are provided in the Strafford and Seacoast Rockingham County areas only; consultations are provided statewide.

#### **Transportation:**

ElderPet has volunteers who will provide scheduled pet-related transportation, e.g. to veterinary offices, groomers etc. for those who have no other recourse. This is at no cost to low income individuals and for a fee to others. Arrangements must be made in advance to accommodate volunteer schedules.

#### **Pet Food Assistance:**

ElderPet provides limited pet food assistance to low income elders and people with disabilities. We are only able to do this in the Strafford and Seacoast Rockingham County areas. Pet food may be picked up at UNH or we can often deliver. Because of our limited resources, we can only provide to responsible homes with no more than three pets who have been spayed/neutered. We do have an application form (For a copy, see our website under Community Services/ Pet Food Assistance.) where the owner must prove that they are financially qualified. We welcome clients who are working with social service and/or care providers because they can help the client in filling out the forms and help monitor the pet in the home. We try to provide pet food every 4-6 weeks. We may not be able to bring all the food that the client needs, but we can help.

It should be noted that area humane societies are also able to provide pet food assistance and may also be able to help with spaying and neutering. Please check their website or call them for information.

In addition, several seacoast communities sponsor visits by Rozzie May Animal Alliance spay Neuter Wagon. Please check with the town ACO or go to the Rozzie May website. <http://www.rozziemay.org/index.html>

#### **Pet Grooming:**

Well behaved and vaccinated pets may be groomed by the Thompson School Grooming Shop by appointment for a very reduced fee. Appointments may be made by calling the shop at 603-862-1144 and speaking to Allison Powers. Grooming will be done by grooming students.

More complicated grooming beyond the financial ability of the owner may sometimes be arranged. For this service (e.g. matted cats) contact ElderPet at [elderpet@gmail.com](mailto:elderpet@gmail.com) or 603-767-6856. Matted dogs cats will only be groomed one time and owners must take the responsibility for brushing or regular grooming to avoid matting in the future.

#### **Short Term In-Home Care:**

On occasions where a pet owner has an unexpected hospitalization, ElderPet volunteers may be able to care for pets in their homes until alternate arrangements can be made or the owner returns home. Volunteers may also be able to help owners who are recovering at home. Please contact Elderpet for individual consultations regarding this service.

#### **Consultations About Pet Related Problems**

If a social service provider or care worker is concerned about the care of pets of a client, ElderPet will be happy to discuss the situation with you. All consults will remain confidential.