



UCD Veterinary Hospital Animal Welfare Fund

Criteria for Applying for UCDVH Animal Welfare Fund Financial Support:

Funds donated to the UCDVH Animal Welfare Fund (AWF) are solely used for the benefit of our patients.

Criteria for Financial Help

The following criteria are for those cases where some financial support from the AWF for the treatment of an animal can be considered:

- The patient has a disease condition/injury with a good prognosis, if treated
- There is no other treatment option available, which would be within the financial means of the client
- The Chief of Service has agreed to the proposed treatment plan and costs in advance of the discussion with the Clinical Director
- The owner will be required to provide evidence of financial constraint in relation to the costs involved
- The owner is willing to contribute to the treatment cost. The amount of the contribution will depend on estimate and means

Application Process

Step 1: The client needs to have been referred to the UCD Veterinary Hospital by their primary vet

Step 2: The patient is seen by a UCDVH Clinician

Step 3: The UCDVH Clinician, if the above criteria relating to prognosis etc. are satisfied, makes an application for funding through the AWF, and the application, once complete, is referred to the Clinical Director for a decision. At the same time, evidence needs to be supplied to the Finance team to justify financial support by the AWF

Step 4: The client is informed of the decision

Step 5: If approval is given, then the above treatment plan can commence

Repeat Applications

The AWF does not accept repeat applications for funding, nor can it cover the long-term cost of repeat treatments. The AWF will look at any request for applications for each patient on a case by case basis and a decision will be made by the Clinical Director.