

## AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCES

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(360) 738-2500 [www.nwrcwa.org](http://www.nwrcwa.org)

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### Pet Assistance

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#### Veterinary Hospitals

For a listing of veterinary hospitals and clinics in Whatcom County, visit <http://whatcomhumane.org/veterinary-hospitals/>

**Animal Emergency Care** – 4176 Meridian St, Bellingham, WA 98226 (360) 758-2200  
[www.animalemergencycare.net](http://www.animalemergencycare.net)

#### Vaccinations

Rabies vaccinations are valid for one year for the first and three years for boosters. These shots are required by law within all city limits in Whatcom County. The average clinic cost for a rabies shot is \$18. Other vaccinations, which may be beneficial to the health of your animal, include distemper/parvo and leukemia. Call a veterinary clinic for up-to-date price information, and be sure to ask about any discounts that may be available.

**Low-Cost Pet Vaccines** – Good Neighbor Vet 1-888-234-1350 [www.goodneighborvet.com](http://www.goodneighborvet.com)

#### Spaying and Neutering

Spaying and neutering are essential to good pet care, and they help control the unwanted pet population. Spaying and neutering can be done at reasonable prices at most veterinary clinics. Some clinics offer a senior discount.

The following organizations offer vouchers for free or low cost spay and neuter for dogs and cats:

- Alternative Humane Society (360) 671-7445
- Whatcom Humane Society SNAP Program (360) 733-2080
- WeSNiP (Whatcom Education Spay and Neuter Impact Program) (360) 733-6549  
<http://wesnip.org/>

#### Pet Food

Low cost pet food is usually available at discount grocers such as Deals Only and Bellingham Grocery Outlet. The Bellingham-Whatcom County Humane Society at (360) 733-2080 has a “food bank” for people who need assistance providing food for their pets. Voice of the Animals offers free pet food at the Bellingham Food Bank on the second and last Fridays of the month at 11am.

#### Financial Hardship

You can provide necessary veterinary care for your pet even under financial constraints. If you feel you cannot afford to care for your pet, talk to someone at the resources below or at a vet clinic.

- Alternative Humane Society of Whatcom County (360) 671-7445
- Sergey Foundation (360) 366-3108
- Whatcom Voice of the Animals (360) 650-0556

#### Animal Shelter/Animal Control

Whatcom Humane Society (360) 733-2080

Serves all of Whatcom County except:

- Lynden (360) 354-2828

## **Pet Transportation**

For individuals who do not drive, transporting their pet to a veterinarian can be a significant barrier to maintaining their pet's health. Fortunately, there are some transportation options:

- WTA Public buses and Specialized Transport will transport pets as long as they are in approved pet carriers. Service dogs with proper attire are also allowed on public transportation.  
(360) 676-RIDE
- Pet Taxi Services are generally offered through small business pet professionals that will transport your pet for veterinarian appointments. The conditions of service and rates differ for each business, so call around to find what will work best for you:
  - Amy's Pet-N-Home Service (360) 820-3778
  - Aunt Carol's Pet & Home Sitting (360) 318-5606
  - Barkley's Best (360) 325-2926
  - Bunny's Pet & Garden Sitting (360) 756-1570
  - Hot Dawg Pet Care (360) 820-2320
  - Pets Choice Sitting Services (360) 306-0367
  - The Placid Pet (360) 223-3825

## **Mobile Veterinarians**

Veterinarians that come to the home can be a helpful resource for individuals that can't make it to a veterinarian clinic. The conditions of service and rates vary by business, so call around to find what will work best for you and your pet:

- Bellingham Veterinary Housecalls (360) 671-8448
- Cedar Grove Veterinary Housecalls (360) 592-9127
- Dean's Veterinary Service (360) 332-5725
- Whatcom Mobile Vet (360) 961-8040

## **Other Resources**

Creatures Comfort - foster home for cats and kittens, cat rescue or trapping, rehab, strays, advice, etc. (360) 733-1648