Louisiana Pet Owner's Guide

Affordable Veterinary Care, Financial Assistance & Support Resources

A statewide directory of low-cost clinics, food pantries, grant programs, disaster resources, and behavioral support for pet owners across Louisiana.

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How to Use This Guide

This is not a complete or comprehensive list of every service available. It is a starting point to help pet owners across Louisiana find resources in their own region, including options outside the Louisiana SPCA's service area and beyond the scope of veterinary care provided at our New Orleans–based Community Clinic.

Programs, pricing, and capacity change often based on funding and availability, and the Louisiana SPCA cannot guarantee that every listing is current. Please contact each organization directly to confirm details and eligibility.

Part One lists resources by region, Part Two covers national and statewide programs, Part Three covers disaster preparedness, and Part Four covers payment plan options offered through veterinary clinics. If your pet needs emergency care, go to the nearest emergency veterinary hospital first.

Part One: Regional Directory

Each region is split into Vet Care (low-cost clinics and spay/neuter voucher programs); Shelters, Humane Societies & Rescues; Emergency Veterinary Care; and Food Pantry (local pet food assistance). If a region has no dedicated local food pantry or 24/7 emergency hospital, the nearest options are noted.

1. Greater New Orleans (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines)

Vet Care

Orleans Parish

- **Louisiana SPCA Community Clinic**
  1700 Mardi Gras Blvd, Algiers — 504-368-5191. Spay/neuter, wellness exams, vaccines, heartworm treatment, dental, and end-of-life care.
- **Louisiana SPCA — Vaccine Drives**
  The Louisiana SPCA hosts fall/winter and spring vaccine drives each year, open to pet owners from all parishes, not just Orleans/Plaquemines.

  Follow the Louisiana SPCA on social media for announced dates, locations, and details.
- **Low-Cost Animal Medical Center**
  4300 Washington Ave, New Orleans — 504-444-1123. Full-service nonprofit clinic.
- **Southern Animal Foundation**
  1823 Magazine St — 504-671-8235. Nonprofit clinic offering low-cost spay/neuter and general services.
- **Trap Dat Cat**
  TNR guidance and assistance for community/feral cats in Orleans Parish — trapdatcat@yahoo.com.
- **NOLA Animal Clinic**
  4554 Downman Rd, New Orleans (New Orleans East) — 504-241-6462. Full-service, low-cost animal hospital taking both emergency and non-urgent medical, surgical, and dental cases; also offers grooming and boarding.

- **The Inner Pup**
  New Orleans Healing Center, Suite 254, 2372 St. Claude Ave — New Orleans metro. Veterinary assistance grant program and dog behavioral training support (see Part Two for grant details).
- **The Inner Pup — Pop-Up Clinics**
  Monthly heartworm and flea prevention pop-up clinics held in different New Orleans neighborhoods, seeing 100–150 animals each month; also periodic wellness clinics and an annual clinic specifically for pets of the homeless.

  Low-cost, not free, but prevention costs are waived for anyone who is unhoused. Find upcoming clinic dates at theinnerpup.org/clinics.
- **LowCostVaccination.com**
  Independently owned mobile/pop-up low-cost vaccination clinic operating at local stores and locations throughout Louisiana, including the New Orleans area; check lowcostvaccination.com for upcoming clinic dates. Note: a rabies tax applies for Jefferson Parish residents.
- **Big Easy Animal Rescue**
  839 Spain St, New Orleans — 504-322-8637. Low-cost wellness clinics in addition to pet food assistance (see Food Pantry below).

Jefferson Parish

- **Jefferson SPCA — Fix-A-Feline / Fix-A-Canine / Fix-A-Rabbit**
  Low-cost spay/neuter for owned cats, dogs, and rabbits; free for feral/stray cats brought in trapped (includes rabies vaccine, ear-tipping). Must be a Jefferson Parish resident or a caretaker/trapper of parish cats.

  jeffersonspca.org
- **Animal Rescue New Orleans (ARNO) — Pet Assistance Program**
  160 Brookhollow Esplanade, Elmwood — Pet Retention Program: adopt@animalrescueneworleans.org. Through its Pet Retention Program / Community Assistance, ARNO helps pet owners with pet food, supplies, and even vet care in situations where they're having to choose between food or medicine for their pet, in order to prevent surrender or abandonment.

  Also a volunteer-based rescue serving Jefferson Parish and the greater New Orleans area, assisting with spay/neuter of companion animals.
- **JPAWS (Jefferson Protection & Animal Welfare Services) — Public Rabies Vaccination Clinics**
  2701 Lapalco Blvd, Harvey — Tuesdays 10–11:30am, by appointment, call 504-349-5111.

  Louisiana law requires rabies vaccines be administered by a licensed veterinarian; these clinics are staffed accordingly.
- **Jefferson Parish Animal Shelter (official parish contact)**
  2701 Lapalco Blvd, Harvey, LA 70058 — 504-974-8985.

St. Bernard Parish

- **St. Bernard Parish Animal Services (official parish contact)**
  5455 East Judge Perez Dr, Violet, LA 70092 — 504-278-1534.
- **Friends of the Animal Shelter of St. Bernard — SNIP & TIP (TNR Program)**
  8201 W. Judge Perez Dr, Chalmette. Must be a St. Bernard Parish resident. Reach the program through St. Bernard Parish Animal Services (504-278-1534) or the "Snip & Tip – St Bernard TNR" Facebook page.

Private-Pay Option (not low-cost)

Paris Road Animal Hospital (2510 Paris Rd, Chalmette — 504-277-1277) is a full-service private veterinary practice offering wellness exams, surgery, and emergency care, with CareCredit financing available. It partners with SNIP & TIP for TNR referrals, but services outside that partnership are private-pay, not low-cost or financial assistance.

Plaquemines Parish

- **Louisiana SPCA — Plaquemines Campus**
  455 F. Edward Hebert Blvd, Belle Chasse — 504-934-6931. Plaquemines Parish is served directly by this Louisiana SPCA campus (Plaquemines Animal Welfare Society is no longer active).

Shelters, Humane Societies & Rescues

- **Louisiana SPCA**
  1700 Mardi Gras Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70114 — 504-368-5191, louisianaspca.org
- **JPAWS (Jefferson Protection & Animal Welfare Services)**
  2701 Lapalco Blvd, Harvey, LA 70058 — 504-349-5111
- **Animal Rescue New Orleans (ARNO)**
  160 Brookhollow Esplanade, Elmwood, LA 70123 — adopt@animalrescueneworleans.org (email only)
- **Zeus' Rescues (Zeus' Place)**
  Adoption Center: 2520 Napoleon Ave, New Orleans, LA 70115 — 504-309-2144, zeusrescues@gmail.com
- **New Orleans Bulldog Rescue**
  neworleansbulldogs@gmail.com (email only) — neworleansbulldogs.com
- **Trampled Rose Rescue & Rehab**
  Foster-based rescue serving Southeast Louisiana — adoptions@trampledroserescue.org, trampledroserescue.org

Emergency Veterinary Care

- **MedVet New Orleans**
  2315 N Causeway Blvd, Metairie — 504-835-8508. 24/7 emergency and multi-specialty hospital (cardiology, critical care, internal medicine, oncology, radiology, surgery, dermatology); no appointment needed for emergencies. CareCredit financing available.
- **Metairie Small Animal Hospital (MSAH) — Main Hospital**
  101 Metairie Rd, Metairie — 504-835-4266. 7 days a week, including holidays, for emergency care; call to check hours of operation
- **Avenue Animal Wellness + Emergency**
  1401 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans — 504-265-8659. Locally owned, full-service 24-hour emergency and intensive care hospital serving Greater New Orleans; also offers daytime wellness checks and vaccines.

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Food Pantry

- **Louisiana SPCA Pet Food Pantry**
  New Orleans Campus: 1700 Mardi Gras Blvd, Algiers — 504-368-5191.

  Plaquemines Campus: 455 F. Edward Hebert Blvd, Belle Chasse — 504-934-6931.

  Free pet food, cat litter (when available), pet supplies, and community referrals; primarily serves Orleans/Plaquemines residents but has extended access regionally during high-need periods (see Part Two for full detail).
- **Big Easy Animal Rescue**
  839 Spain St, New Orleans — 504-322-8637. Pet food assistance when available, community outreach, and low-cost wellness clinics.
- **PAWSitive Impact — New Orleans Healing Center**
  2372 St. Claude Ave, New Orleans (Little Pet Pantry, under the stairs in the Grand Hall). Free pet food pantry stocked by community donations, plus free pet training classes and educational workshops aimed at preventing pet surrenders.
- **NOLA Bark Market**
  3041 N Rampart St, New Orleans — 504-949-1525. Pet supply store offering free dog food distributions to pet owners in need.
- **JPAWS (Jefferson Protection & Animal Welfare Services)**
  JPAWS sometimes offers pet food pantry and vaccine opportunities for Jefferson Parish residents. Contact them for current availability: 504-349-5111.

2. Northshore / Florida Parishes (St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, Livingston)

Vet Care

St. Tammany Parish

- **Northshore Humane Society Community Vet Clinic**
  20384 Harrison Ave, Covington — 985-892-7387. Low-cost pet care and feral program, open to all. Operation CatSnip: low-cost spay/neuter for community cats.
- **St. Tammany Parish Dept. of Animal Services**
  31078 Hwy 76, Lacombe — 985-809-0183. Low-cost spay/neuter vouchers for dogs and cats, limit 4 per household.
- **Big Sky Cares Clinic**
  82060 Hwy 25, Folsom — 985-276-0270. Low-cost spay/neuter plus critical care, dental, X-rays, and laser therapy.

Tangipahoa Parish

- **Kat Vet Spay Neuter & Rescue**
  158 W. Pine St, Ponchatoula — call/text 985-401-2537, SpayNeuter@KatVet.org.

  Low-cost spay/neuter for cats (includes pain management, rabies vaccine, microchip; community cats ear-tipped), dogs (7 yrs / 60 lbs max, no brachycephalic breeds), and rabbits (min. 4 months).
- **SAINTS SPCA**
  43075 S. Range Rd, Hammond — 985-415-5583. Low-cost, cat-only spay/neuter.
- **BVSPCA Tangi Wellness Clinic**
  Tangipahoa Parish Animal Services campus, Hammond — 985-348-2001.

- **Tangi Animal Friends (TAF)**
  Nonprofit spay/neuter financial assistance for Livingston, Tangipahoa, St. Helena, and Washington Parishes; assists SSDI/Medicaid/SNAP recipients, veterans, and need-based college students.
- **Tangipahoa Parish Animal Control (official parish contact, Hammond)**
  15487 West Club Deluxe Rd, Hammond, LA 70403 — 985-543-0215.

Washington Parish

- **Humane Society of Louisiana — Magnolia Chapter**
  985-241-4290. Low-cost spay/neuter for cats and dogs, includes rabies vaccine; reduced rate for Washington Parish residents. Booking can take up to 2 months due to demand.

Tangi Animal Friends (above) also serves Washington Parish.

Livingston Parish

- **Pet Aid**
  225-664-6126. Funds spay/neuter for Denham Springs Animal Shelter pets and vouchers for Walker Animal Shelter adoptees.

Tangi Animal Friends (above) also serves Livingston Parish.

Shelters, Humane Societies & Rescues

- **Northshore Humane Society**
  Widely recognized as Louisiana's largest not-for-profit animal shelter and humane society, serving the region since 1953 (see Vet Care above for clinic details).
- **Tangi Humane Society**
  46219 River Rd, Hammond — 985-419-9900. All-volunteer dog shelter in Tangipahoa Parish that investigates cruelty cases alongside law enforcement; call ahead, as intake is limited.

Emergency Veterinary Care

- **MedVet Mandeville**
  2611 Florida St, Mandeville — 985-626-4862. 24/7 emergency and multi-specialty hospital (critical care, cardiology, internal medicine, oncology, dermatology, neurology, surgery, rehabilitation); the only critical-care-certified hospital on the Northshore. No appointment needed for emergencies.

Private, full-service emergency hospital rather than a low-cost clinic — pair with the financial assistance grants in Part Two if cost is a barrier.

Food Pantry

- **Kat Vet Spay Neuter & Rescue — Peanut's Pet Pantry**
  158 W. Pine St, Ponchatoula — 985-401-2537. Dog and cat food, cat litter, and community assistance.
- **Northshore Humane Society**
  20384 Harrison Ave, Covington — 985-892-7387. Community pet resources, veterinary assistance referrals, and pet owner support.

3. River Parishes (St. John, St. Charles)

Vet Care

- **St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter**
  921 Deputy Jeff G. Watson Dr, Luling, LA 70070 — 985-783-5010. Low-cost spay/neuter and TNR (trap-neuter-return) programs; call for current eligibility and scheduling.

- **Shine Veterinary Services**
  509 Main St, LaPlace, LA 70068 — call/text 985-464-9064, shineveterinaryservices@gmail.com. Veterinary services for the River Parishes; call or text for services and scheduling.
- **St. John Parish Animal Shelter**
  488 West 2nd Street, LaPlace, LA 70068 — 985-651-7387 (PETS). Call for low-cost spay/neuter information.

Shelters, Humane Societies & Rescues

- **Riverlands SPCA**
  PO Box 223, LaPlace, LA 70069. The primary humane society/rescue serving St. John the Baptist Parish and the River Parishes.

Emergency Veterinary Care

No dedicated 24/7 emergency animal hospital was found based within St. John or St. Charles Parish. The nearest confirmed options are the Greater New Orleans emergency hospitals listed in Region 1 (MedVet New Orleans, Metairie Small Animal Hospital, Avenue Animal Wellness + Emergency) or the Baton Rouge options listed in Region 5, depending on which direction is closer.

Food Pantry

No dedicated local pet food pantry found for this region — see the statewide options in Part Two.

4. Bayou Region (Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary)

Vet Care

Terrebonne Parish

- **Terrebonne Parish Animal Shelter — Operation: Reduce Population**
  100 Government St, Gray — 985-873-6709, animalshelter@tpcg.org. Low-cost spay/neuter with discounts for residents, people with disabilities, and those on public assistance; community cats altered free for residents.

Also served by The Inner Pup's dog-training program.

Lafourche Parish

- **Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter**
  934 Hwy 3185, Thibodaux — 985-446-3532. Low-cost spay/neuter for cats and dogs, includes rabies shots. Parish vouchers available, and Thibodaux city residents qualify for an additional stackable voucher.
- **City of Thibodaux Spay & Neuter Program**
  Partner clinics: Durocher Veterinary Clinic, Thibodaux Animal Hospital, De La Houssaye. Contact kburgos@ci.thibodaux.la.us.
- **South Lafourche Veterinary Clinic**
  17086 W Main St, Cut Off, LA 70345 — 985-632-4500, info@southlafourchevet.com.

  Full-service veterinary clinic that offers subsidized services in partnership with the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter; contact the shelter or clinic for eligibility.

St. Mary Parish

No dedicated local low-cost or financial-assistance program was found operating within St. Mary Parish. Nearest options:

- **Angel Paws Adoption Center (Iberia Humane Society)**
  New Iberia, Iberia Parish — spay, neuter, and vaccination programs; may accept out-of-parish residents.

- **SpayNation for Dogs & Cats**
  Lafayette — 337-264-1088 (see Acadiana region).

Shelters, Humane Societies & Rescues

- **Terrebonne Parish Animal Shelter & Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter**
  The region's largest shelters (see Vet Care above for contact details).
- **Humane Society of Houma-Terrebonne**
  PO Box 1810, Gray, LA 70359. The primary humane society serving the Houma-Terrebonne area.

Emergency Veterinary Care

No dedicated 24/7 emergency animal hospital was found based within Terrebonne, Lafourche, or St. Mary Parish — local full-service vets in Houma and Thibodaux generally see emergencies during business hours only and refer out overnight. The nearest confirmed 24/7 options are the Baton Rouge Pet Emergency Hospital (Region 5) or the Greater New Orleans hospitals (Region 1), depending on distance.

Food Pantry

- **Terrebonne Parish Animal Shelter Pet Pantry**
  100 Government St, Gray — 985-873-6709. Pet food assistance alongside the shelter's spay/neuter program.

5. Baton Rouge / Capital Region (East Baton Rouge, Ascension, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, E./W. Feliciana)

Vet Care

- **East Baton Rouge Parish Animal Control Center (official parish contact)**
  2680 Progress Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70807 — 225-774-7700.
- **Azalea Lakes Veterinary Clinic**
  15225 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge — 225-755-3838. Lower-cost clinic for spay/neuter and general veterinary services.
- **Cat Haven**
  Cats only. Coordinates a monthly Spay Day with LSU School of Veterinary Medicine for income-qualified owners.
- **Magic Happens Rabbit Rescue**
  May offer a low-cost spay/neuter discount voucher for pet rabbits — magichappensrescue.com.

LSU School of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital is also based in Baton Rouge (see Part Two).

Shelters, Humane Societies & Rescues

- **Companion Animal Alliance (CAA)**
  2550 Gourrier Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70820 — 225-408-5360. The region's largest shelter, caring for roughly 9,500 animals a year (cats, dogs, horses, wildlife, and exotics) as East Baton Rouge Parish's official open-intake partner.
- **Capital Area Animal Welfare Society (CAAWS)**
  6357 Quinn Dr, Baton Rouge — 225-752-5801. The region's oldest nonprofit animal welfare organization, serving Greater Baton Rouge since 1979. Offers spay/neuter resources and a TNR program for East Baton Rouge and surrounding parishes — details at caaws.org.

- **Friends of the Animals Baton Rouge (FOTA)**
  Dog-focused rescue and adoption house operating since 2010; has found homes for more than 7,500 dogs from Baton Rouge-area shelters, the region's largest dog rescue. fotabr.org

Emergency Veterinary Care

- **Baton Rouge Pet Emergency Hospital**
  1514 Cottondale Dr, Baton Rouge — 225-925-5566. 24/7 emergency and urgent care; staff on duty in the hospital around the clock, veterinarians on call.

LSU School of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital (see Part Two) also operates 24/7/365 for emergencies and offers the widest range of board-certified specialists in the state.

Food Pantry

- **Louisiana Pet Food Bank (Rescue Alliance)**
  Ascension Parish/Gonzales hub — feedlapets.org. Feeds 2,000+ pets/month via local distribution partners, including a PetSmart location in Gonzales.

6. Acadiana (Lafayette, Iberia, St. Martin, Vermilion, and surrounding parishes)

Vet Care

- **Lafayette Animal Shelter & Care Center (official parish contact)**
  410 N. Dugas Rd, Lafayette, LA 70507 — 337-291-5644.
- **St. Landry Animal Control and Rescue (official contact, Opelousas)**
  255 Hanger Rd, Opelousas, LA 70570 — 337-948-6184.
- **SpayNation for Dogs & Cats**
  1640 N Bertrand Dr, Lafayette — 337-264-1088. Dedicated low-cost spay/neuter clinic; also offers low-cost rabies vaccines and microchips (walk-in Mon–Thu).
- **Spay Neuter Clinic (national low-cost chain)**
  201 E. Amedee Dr, Scott — 337-408-8667. Low-cost spay/neuter for dogs and cats.
- **St. Martin Humane Society**
  PO Box 64, Breaux Bridge — 337-845-4392.
- **Angel Paws Adoption Center (Iberia Humane Society)**
  New Iberia — spay, neuter, and vaccination programs serving Iberia Parish and adjacent areas.

Shelters, Humane Societies & Rescues

- **Acadiana Animal Aid**
  Animal welfare organization placing nearly 1,000 cats and dogs a year across Lafayette Parish and Acadiana, one of the region's largest and highest-revenue rescue/shelter nonprofits; relies heavily on a foster network. acadianaanimalaid.org
- **Acadiana Humane Society**
  Rescue taking in cats, dogs, rabbits, ferrets, and other small pets; holds weekly adoption events at Lafayette-area Petco/PetSmart locations (see Food Pantry below for its Pet Food Bank).

Emergency Veterinary Care

- **Lafayette Animal Emergency Clinic**
  206 Winchester Dr, Lafayette — 337-989-0992. After-hours emergency and critical care for the Acadiana region: weeknights 5pm–8am, open 24 hours on weekends.

Food Pantry

- **TTMT Pet Pantry (TTMT Enterprise)**
  123 Church St, Grand Coteau — 337-848-1001. Nonprofit pet food pantry with assistance for seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities; donations/mail sent to PO Box 1014, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517. ttmtpetpantry.com

  Also runs a senior-companion program: provides a senior dog (from a shelter) plus a starter kit to seniors seeking a companion animal, following a home check — call to apply.

  Periodically hosts low-cost vaccine events and farmers market pop-ups; storefront hours are described as "coming soon," so call ahead to confirm current access.
- **Acadiana Humane Society — Pet Food Bank**
  Temporarily provides free dog or cat food to qualified individuals/families during economic hardship, when donated food is available.

7. Central Louisiana (Rapides, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Sabine)

Vet Care

- **City of Alexandria Animal Shelter (official city contact)**
  200 Animal Shelter Road, Alexandria, LA 71301 — 318-473-1229.
- **Magnolia Spay Neuter**
  3315 Nelson St, Alexandria — 318-787-7729 (787-SPAY). Central Louisiana's only low-cost spay/neuter clinic.

  Also serves feral cats (sterilization, rabies vaccine, ear-tipping) and offers vaccinations, health screening, and microchipping at time of surgery.

  Open Mon/Tue/Thu; no brachycephalic breeds, no dogs 90+ lbs, pre-anesthetic bloodwork required 7 yrs+, declines patients 10+ yrs. magnoliaspayneuter.com
- **Cenla Alliance for Animals (CAFA)**
  318-619-9567, CenlaAllianceForAnimals@gmail.com. Pet owner assistance, spay/neuter assistance, and community referrals.

Shelters, Humane Societies & Rescues

- **City of Alexandria Animal Shelter**
  200 Animal Shelter Road, Alexandria, LA 71301 — 318-473-1229
- **Pineville Animal Control / Shelter**
  1967 Monroe Hwy, Pineville, LA 71360 — 318-308-0503, lsylvia@pineville.net
- **Natchitoches Animal Shelter**
  450 Fairgrounds Rd, Natchitoches, LA 71457 — 318-357-3885
- **Sabine Parish Animal Shelter**
  520 McDonald Dr, Many, LA 71449 — 318-256-2275
- **God's PAWS Rescue and Shelter (LaSalle Parish)**
  570 Harvey Bradford Rd, Jena, LA 71342 — 318-623-3549 (appointments by text), gods.paws7076@gmail.com, godspawsrs.org
- **Cenla Alliance for Animals (CAFA)**
  318-619-9567, CenlaAllianceForAnimals@gmail.com
- **B.A.R.K. (Boudreaux's Animal Rescue Krewe)**
  Alexandria, LA 71303 — 318-308-6862, longj1003@aol.com, barkanimalrescue.org

Emergency Veterinary Care

No dedicated 24/7 emergency animal hospital was confirmed in Alexandria/Rapides Parish — local full-service vets generally handle emergencies during business hours and refer out overnight. The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital in Baton Rouge (see Part Two) is the nearest confirmed 24/7 option, about 1.5 hours away.

Food Pantry

- **Cenla Alliance for Animals (CAFA)**
  318-619-9567, CenlaAllianceForAnimals@gmail.com. Pet food resources (availability varies) and community referrals.

8. Southwest Louisiana (Calcasieu, Acadia)

Vet Care

- **Calcasieu Parish Animal Services & Adoption Center (official parish contact)**
  5500-A Swift Plant Rd, Lake Charles, LA 70615 — 337-721-3730. Also runs an income-based spay/neuter voucher program.
- **Acadia Animal Clinic**
  Crowley — 337-783-7642. Offers a free Pet ID card with an annual checkup, including vaccinations.

Shelters, Humane Societies & Rescues

- **Calcasieu Parish Animal Services & Adoption Center**
  The region's largest official shelter (see Vet Care above for contact details).
- **Humane Society of West Louisiana**
  19301 Lake Charles Hwy, DeRidder, LA 70634 — 337-462-3321 (mailing: PO Box 1751, DeRidder, LA 70634)

Emergency Veterinary Care

No dedicated 24/7 emergency animal hospital was confirmed in the Lake Charles/Calcasieu area — local full-service vets generally handle emergencies during business hours and refer out overnight. The Lafayette Animal Emergency Clinic (see Acadiana region) is the nearest confirmed 24/7 option, about an hour away.

9. Northwest Louisiana (Caddo, Bossier, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Sabine, Webster, Lincoln)

Vet Care

- **Caddo Parish Animal Services (official parish contact, Shreveport)**
  1500 Monty St, Shreveport, LA 71107 — 318-226-6624.
- **Ruston Animal Control (official city contact, Lincoln Parish)**
  1212 McAllister St, Ruston, LA 71270 — 318-251-8685.
- **Robinson's Rescue**
  2515 Line Ave, Shreveport — 318-221-0017. Subsidized Spay/Neuter Incentive Program (SSNIP): FREE surgeries for qualifying low-income residents of Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Sabine, and Webster Parishes.

  Also offers low-cost spay/neuter with no residency requirement.
- **Webster Humane Society**
  318-377-7433. Low-income/low-cost spay/neuter for Webster Parish residents only.

- **Sabine Parish Humane Society**
  318-645-7156. Voucher program — call on the first of the month to be added to the list.
- **LaMa Animal Rescue**
  North Webster Parish — foster-based; contact via their website for spay/neuter referrals if other resources are unavailable.

Shelters, Humane Societies & Rescues

- **Caddo Parish Animal Services**
  The region's largest official shelter (see Vet Care above for contact details).
- **Humane Society of Northwest Louisiana**
  A dog-only, limited-intake shelter in Shreveport and one of the region's largest animal nonprofits by revenue; hsnwla.com.
- **Robinson's Rescue**
  The region's largest rescue/high-volume spay-neuter organization, serving qualifying low-income residents across six parishes (see Vet Care above for full program details).

Emergency Veterinary Care

- **Animal Emergency Clinic (Shreveport–Bossier)**
  2421 Line Ave, Shreveport — 318-227-2345. After-hours emergency and intensive care: weeknights 6pm–8am, open 24 hours on weekends.
- **Valor Veterinary Emergency Hospital**
  1701 Old Minden Rd, Suite 26, Bossier City — 318-725-5990. Bossier City's first 24-hour emergency facility, serving the Ark-La-Tex; diagnostics, surgery, hospitalization, and end-of-life care.

Food Pantry

- **Pet Pantry of Northwest Louisiana**
  2215 Woodbridge St, Bossier City, LA 71111 — 318-747-5529, petpantryofnwla@gmail.com.

  Free pet food for low-income families in the Shreveport–Bossier area, distributed through partner food pantries; also offers emergency pet food assistance and rescue support. nwlapetpantry.org
- **Nova's Heart Animal Support Services**
  762 Austen Place, Shreveport, LA 71101 — 318-900-8887, novashearts@yahoo.com, novasheart.com

  Pet food, collars, harnesses, leashes, and vaccinations for the pets of people experiencing homelessness or going through a crisis; serves Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, and Webster Parishes. Call for current distribution and vaccine clinic days.

10. Northeast Louisiana (Ouachita / Monroe)

Vet Care

- **Ouachita Parish Animal Shelter (official parish contact)**
  417 Well Rd, West Monroe, LA 71292 — 318-323-4032.
- **PAWS of Northeast Louisiana**
  PO Box 15432, Monroe — 318-397-0007, pawsnela.org. Low-cost co-pay spay/neuter assistance for low-income owners (limit 3 pets/household/year); priority to those most in need.

  Also offers Tag Your Pet (reduced-cost ID tags) and an annual Free Pet Wellness Weekend (with RedRover and Petco Love) offering vaccines, ID tags, and limited free spay/neuter vouchers — no residency restriction.

Shelters, Humane Societies & Rescues

- **Ouachita Parish Animal Shelter**
  The region's largest official shelter (see Vet Care above for contact details).
- **Humane Society Adoption Center of Monroe**
  920 Freight Dr, Monroe, LA 71203 — 318-387-9553. The region's primary dedicated humane society.
- **PAWS of Northeast Louisiana**
  The region's largest rescue/spay-neuter nonprofit (see Vet Care above for full program details).

Emergency Veterinary Care

- **Premier Pet Emergency Clinic**
  2024 Forsythe Ave, Monroe — 318-855-4011. After-hours emergency care serving Northeast Louisiana: Mon–Thu 5:30pm–7am, Fri 5:30pm through Mon 7am.

Food Pantry

No dedicated local pet food pantry found for this region — see the statewide options in Part Two.

Part Two: National & Statewide Resources

National Veterinary Assistance Grants

These programs pay veterinary clinics directly on behalf of qualifying pet owners, regardless of where in Louisiana you live.

- **The Inner Pup Veterinary Assistance Grant**
  Covers non-emergency medical issues for cats and dogs; providers based in the New Orleans metro, but statewide access.

  Apply online at theinnerpup.org/veterinary-assistance-grant. You'll receive next-step instructions and, if approved, an appointment at a partner clinic.
- **Camp Bow Wow – Bow Wow Buddies Foundation**
  Grants up to $1,500 for life-saving medical treatments (not spay/neuter, routine, or chronic care).

  Submit your vet's diagnosis and cost estimate at bowwowbuddies.com/apply-for-grant. Decisions typically within two weeks.
- **RedRover Relief – Urgent Care Grant**
  Typically $200–$250 per case for life-threatening emergencies, paid directly to the vet.

  Apply online at redrover.org the same day your pet is seen, not after you get the bill — one of the fastest-responding programs (about 2 business days).
- **Brown Dog Foundation**
  Fills the gap for pets needing treatment when a family can't pay in full.

  Submit an online request; a case manager responds within 24 hours.
- **Frankie's Friends Fund**
  Grants up to $2,000 per pet/household for emergency or specialty veterinary care with a clear diagnosis, treatment plan, and good prognosis.

  Also manages the Joshua Louis Animal Cancer Fund for pets under an oncologist's care. Apply at frankiesfriends.org.

- **DaisyCares Hope & Health Grant (new in 2026)**
  Covers up to $1,000 per case for emergency veterinary care; the pet owner covers 10% of the invoice plus any amount above $1,000.

  A Letter of Commitment is sent directly to your vet before discharge. Apply at daisycares.com.
- **Paws 4 A Cure**
  No breed, age, or diagnosis restrictions; covers heartworm treatment, insulin, cancer care, and medical equipment.

  Applications are typically reviewed within hours. Apply at paws4acure.org.
- **The Pet Fund**
  Helps with non-urgent, chronic-condition surgeries or cancer care (a wait-list is possible).

  Start with an online inquiry; they'll schedule a phone intake.
- **Pets of the Homeless (Feeding Pets of the Homeless)**
  Nationwide program providing pet food, emergency veterinary care, and preventative wellness clinics (vaccines, basic exams, minor treatment, spay/neuter vouchers) for pet owners who are homeless or qualify for low-income services.

  Apply for emergency veterinary care at petsofthehomeless.org/emergency-veterinary-care; find pet food support at petsofthehomeless.org/get-help/find-locations. Also assists homeless veterans through VHA housing/health programs.
- **Horse / Equine & Rabbit / Guinea Pig Assistance**
  Equine: homesforhorses.org/resources/grants/owner-assistance-programs/

  Rabbits: Magic Happens Rabbit Rescue may offer a spay/neuter discount voucher — magichappensrescue.com
- **LSU School of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital (Baton Rouge)**
  Referral hospital for complex cases; open 24/7/365 for emergencies.

  Hardship aid available through the Petco Love / Blue Buffalo Client-Assistance Fund. Call 225-578-9600.

Crowdfunding Platforms

- **Waggle.org**
  The only nonprofit crowdfunding platform built exclusively for pet medical emergencies; transfers 100% of funds directly to the vet.

  Real-time corporate/foundation matching can double or triple donations. Start a campaign the same day you apply for grants — the two run in parallel.
- **GoFundMe**
  Well known for vet-bill campaigns; works best paired with a clear story and cost estimate.

Statewide Pet Food Assistance

These food banks accept applicants from across (or beyond) their home region — worth checking even if you live outside the immediate area.

- **Louisiana SPCA Pet Food Pantry (New Orleans)**
  Distributes over 150,000 lbs of pet food, litter, and supplies each year; call ahead to confirm current stock.

  louisianaspca.org/pet-care/training/resources/food-pantry, or call 504-368-5191.

- **Louisiana Pet Food Bank (Rescue Alliance)**
  Free food assistance for qualifying pet owners statewide, with hubs in Ascension Parish/Gonzales.

  Apply or find distribution events at feedlapets.org.
- **Pet Pantry of Northwest Louisiana**
  Free pet food for low-income families in the Shreveport–Bossier area, distributed through local food pantries.

  nwlapetpantry.org
- **Humane Society of Louisiana — Statewide Referral Line**
  Statewide, not a direct food provider: refers callers to local pet food pantries, disaster pet assistance, low-cost veterinary resources, and spay/neuter programs.

  888-648-6263, info@humanela.org.

Behavioral Support & Keeping Pets in Homes

Many pet behavior problems — leash pulling, barking, jumping, separation anxiety, and mild reactivity — can often be improved without surrendering a pet. If cost is a concern, ask organizations if they offer low-cost group classes, scholarship opportunities, virtual consultations, payment plans, trainer referrals, or free educational resources.

- **Louisiana SPCA – Pet Care & Training Resources**
  Dog training classes and surrender-prevention counseling aimed at keeping pets with their families.

  If you're struggling to keep a pet, contact info@laspca.org or louisianaspca.org/pet-care/training/resources before surrendering.
- **The Inner Pup – Training Program**
  Behavioral training support for dogs with issues that might otherwise lead to surrender (New Orleans metro).

Baton Rouge Area

- **Companion Animal Alliance (CAA)**
  2550 Gourrier Ave, Baton Rouge — 225-408-5360. Free pet behavior resources, behavior consultations, and training referrals; educational handouts on separation anxiety, leash reactivity, house training, crate training, destructive behavior, and new baby introductions.
- **Diamond in the "Ruff" Dog Obedience & Training**
  225-767-8731. Group obedience classes, private lessons, behavior modification, reactive dog support, and puppy socialization.
- **CAAWS (Capital Area Animal Welfare Society)**
  6357 Quinn Dr, Baton Rouge — 225-752-5801. Pet owner education, training referrals, adoption counseling, and community resources.

Lafayette Area

- **Southern Canine Services**
  Contact through SouthernCanine.org. Private behavior consultations for aggression, fear and anxiety, and resource guarding; in-home behavior modification and board-and-train programs.
- **Lafayette Animal Shelter & Care Center**
  410 N. Dugas Rd, Lafayette — 337-291-5644. Pet behavior resources, training recommendations, rehoming counseling, and pet owner education.

Shreveport Area

- **Humane Society of Northwest Louisiana**
  2544 Linwood Ave, Shreveport — 318-219-7387. Behavior referrals, adoption counseling, community pet resources, and rescue assistance.
- **Red River Obedience Training Club**
  108 Battle St, Shreveport — 318-200-0442. Affordable group classes, puppy classes, basic obedience, AKC Canine Good Citizen preparation, and owner education.
- **All Dogs Unleashed**
  4500 Benton Rd, Suite 200, Bossier City — 318-562-6536. Private training, behavior modification, board-and-train, puppy training, and obedience training.

Temporary Pet Boarding for Domestic Violence Survivors

Fear of leaving a pet behind can keep people in unsafe situations. These organizations provide temporary care for pets while their owners get to safety. Space is limited, so reach out as early as possible.

- **New Orleans Bulldog Rescue — Safe Haven Program**
  Temporary foster care for the dogs of individuals experiencing domestic violence; serves New Orleans and the Gulf South. neworleansbulldogs@gmail.com (email only) — neworleansbulldogs.com
- **Praline's Backyard Foundation (national)**
  Safe, temporary housing, foster care, and veterinary care for the pets of domestic violence survivors across the U.S. info@pralinesbackyardfoundation.org — pralinesbackyardfoundation.org
- **IRIS Domestic Violence Center (Baton Rouge area)**
  Free, confidential services for survivors of domestic violence, including a 24-hour crisis line and emergency shelter, serving East Baton Rouge, Ascension, Iberville, West Baton Rouge, Pointe Coupee, and East and West Feliciana Parishes. Ask about options for pets when you call. 24-hour crisis line: 225-389-3001 or 800-541-9706; info@stopDV.org — stopdv.org
- **Rolling River Rescue (Rolling River Ranch & Rescue)**
  Foster-based rescue in the Greater New Orleans area offering temporary boarding assistance for pets of domestic violence survivors. info@rrrrescue.org — rrrrescue.org

Pet Rehoming Resources

If keeping a pet truly isn't possible, rehoming directly — rather than surrendering to a shelter — gives a pet the best chance of a smooth transition to a new home, and many Louisiana parish shelters (Lafayette, St. Tammany, Lafourche, and others) actively point owners toward this option first, since shelters are frequently at capacity.

- **Adopt-a-Pet Rehome**
  A free, guided rehoming tool (rehome.adoptapet.com) used and recommended by multiple Louisiana parish animal services departments. Posts your pet to Adopt-a-Pet.com, where millions of monthly visitors search for pets; a support team helps screen applicants and arrange safe meetings. Several parishes (e.g., St. Tammany) provide a referral code that waives the listing fee — ask your local animal services department if one is available.

- **Self-Rehoming Tips (recommended by Terrebonne Parish Animal Shelter and others)**

  Notify friends, relatives, neighbors, and coworkers first — people who already know your pet often make the best fit.

  Post signs at your veterinarian's office or local pet-related businesses.

  Share on social media, including local "Lost & Found Pets / Rehoming" Facebook groups for your area.

  Be honest and thorough about your pet's behavior and needs with potential adopters — it leads to a better, more lasting match.

Be cautious of paid "pet rehoming" consultancy services that charge a fee to handle the process for you; the free tools and parish resources above accomplish the same goal without a cost to you.

Part Three: Disaster & Emergency Preparedness

- **Louisiana State Animal Response Team (LSART)**

  Statewide volunteer network (500+ members) coordinating evacuation, shelter, and rescue of pets and livestock during hurricanes, floods, and other disasters. lsart.org
- **Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry – Animal Emergencies**

  State-level planning resources and pet evacuation guidance. ldaf.la.gov/animals/emergencies
- **RedRover Responders (national)**

  Deploys emergency sheltering and disaster response teams; has partnered with LSART and the ASPCA during past Louisiana hurricanes.

Before hurricane season: identify pet-friendly evacuation shelters and hotels in advance, keep vaccination records and a photo of your pet with you, and never plan to leave a pet behind — post-Katrina Louisiana law requires pets be included in emergency evacuation planning.

Part Four: Veterinary Payment Plan Options

Many veterinary clinics and hospitals offer third-party payment plans that let you spread the cost of care over time. These are only available at clinics that participate, so ask your clinic which options it accepts before your visit or at check-in.

Credit Accessibility Score (1–5): how easy the option generally is to qualify for with limited or lower credit. 5 = most accessible (no credit check); 1 = least accessible (traditional credit approval).

Option	Credit Check	Credit Accessibility	Cost to You	Good to Know
VetBilling vetbilling.com	None — your clinic decides who qualifies	**5 / 5**	Set by your clinic; card processing fees may apply	Clinic chooses the down payment, payment schedule, and payoff period
Varidi varidi.com	No hard credit check; based on ability to pay	**5 / 5**	No interest; possible one-time administrative fee	Must be 18+ with a valid U.S. ID; payments auto-drafted from a debit or credit card

Option	Credit Check	Credit Accessibility	Cost to You	Good to Know
Cherry withcherry.com	Soft check only (no impact to score)	**4 / 5**	0%–35.99% APR depending on credit	Reports high approval rates; terms from 1 to 60 months
Scratchpay scratchpay.com	Soft check only (no impact to score)	**3 / 5**	0%–36% APR; lowest rates for strong credit; $15 minimum down payment	Loans from $200 to $10,000; no deferred interest or prepayment penalty
CareCredit carecredit.com	Soft check to prequalify; hard inquiry when you apply	**2 / 5**	Promotional periods are deferred interest; standard APR about 33%	If the promotional balance is not paid in full on time, interest is charged back to the purchase date

Payment plans are a form of credit or financing. Read all terms before signing, and choose a monthly payment you can manage. If cost is still a barrier, pair a payment plan with the financial assistance grants in Part Two.

Closing Notes

This guide reflects information gathered as of August 2026 and is not exhaustive — new programs launch and existing ones change capacity throughout the year. If a listed resource is no longer available, try a neighboring parish's program, a national grant fund from Part Two, or the Humane Society of Louisiana's full directory.

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