

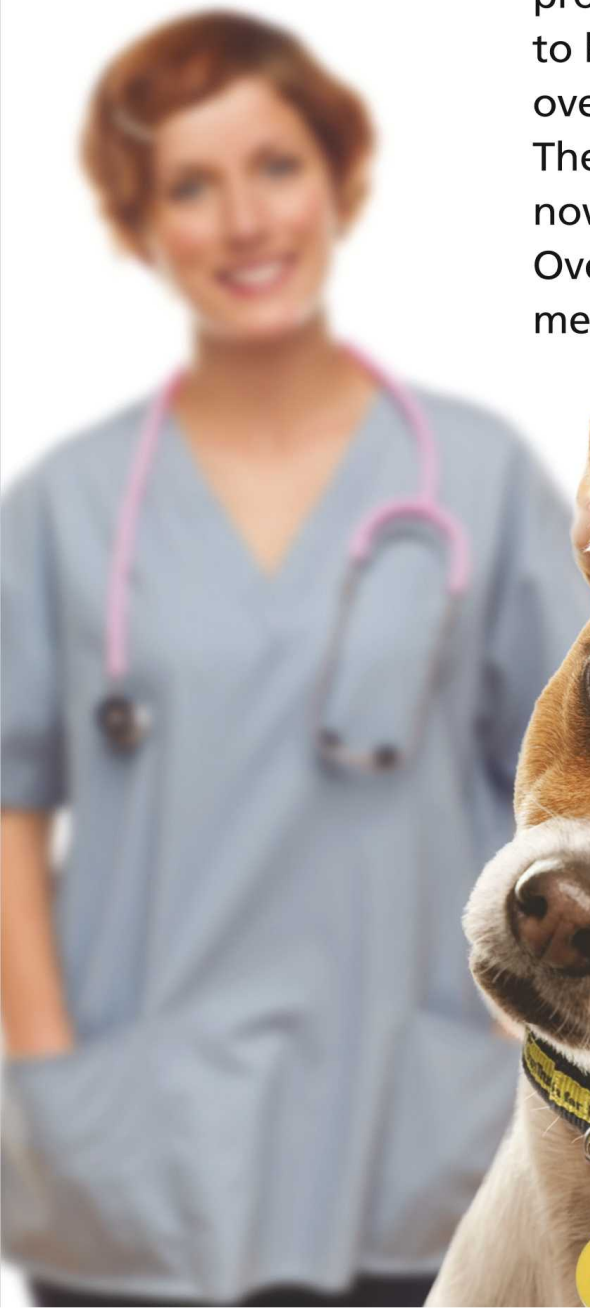


Shared Adoption Scheme

**Subsidised veterinary care
for adopted dogs in
extreme old age or
with chronic medical
conditions**



The Dogs Trust Shared Adoption Scheme (SAS) is a well established scheme and works extremely well to allow dogs with chronic medical problems or extreme old age to be re-homed. We now have over 9,000 dogs on the scheme. The total cost to Dogs Trust now exceeds £1.7 million a year. Over half of that is the cost of medications.



General Information

An adopter contribution is £10 for each veterinary practice consultation relating to the SAS condition, which you pay to your Veterinary Practice at the time of your appointment. Further adopter contributions are described within this leaflet and the Adopter Terms and Conditions.

Medication

- For longer term medications we request the use of our SAS Pharmacy for all repeat prescriptions costing over £25.
- Prescription pads can be sent out to your veterinary practice free of charge. These need to be requested via the online form (www.dogstrust.org.uk/sas/).
- Once the prescription is completed, this is folded and sent freepost to the address on the back of each prescription. The SAS Pharmacy then send out the medication in the post directly to the adopter.
- Exceptions to the use of the SAS Pharmacy include fridge items, controlled drugs and medication costing less than £25 each time.
- We recommend up to two weeks' notice to be given to your practice before you run out of medication to ensure the prescription arrives in time.

Supplements

We have a classification of medicines called nutraceuticals that are thought to help with arthritis in dogs and humans. These types of medicines are currently not funded by the NHS for humans. However, we do feel that they may have a place in veterinary medicine.

- There is a large range of these on the market.

Please contact the team or look online for up-to-date details.

- If your veterinary surgeon suggests these, please see our website for the named joint supplement that is funded.

**[www.dogstrust.org.uk/sas/vets/
pharmacy-information](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/sas/vets/pharmacy-information)**

Insurance

- We advise adopters to consider pet insurance, the reason being that the SAS will not cover all treatments and will not apply in some circumstances. What is and isn't covered is set out in the SAS Adopter Terms and Conditions.
- Accidental injuries or ingestion (e.g. chocolate) and traumatic injuries such as Road Traffic Accidents are not covered under any of the SAS schemes.
- Please contact our SAS team at Head Office, particularly before embarking on any lengthy treatment or procedure. This will ensure that you and your vet are clear on what we are able to support.

Out of Hours

- If your dog is seen by a Veterinary Surgeon outside of normal hours, an emergency consultation fee would normally be charged. We require a £25 contribution from adopters towards this. This is also subject to the exclusions set out in the SAS Adopter Terms & Conditions.
- The attending Veterinary Surgeon will need to certify that the reason for the visit was a true emergency in order for Dogs Trust to be able to contribute to the treatment. Treatment will also need to be only in relation to the SAS condition that is covered.

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Please note that whilst we try and keep any costs you are asked to pay towards veterinary fees on the Shared Adoption Scheme as low as possible, it is not always possible to do so and regrettably these costs may be subject to change from time to time.

Referral Treatment

With the advancement of veterinary care for dogs we do see some conditions that vets would have previously been unable to help.

- If your veterinary practice has suggested your dog is referred for treatment with a veterinary referral team, this should be agreed through the SAS team in London on 0300 303 2552 before attending any appointment.
- The Adopter Contribution in respect of a Veterinary Referral Team Consultation is £25.
- Dogs Trust work with a number of veterinary referral teams across the UK who understand the scheme and its approval process which is why we may specify a preferred referral team for your veterinary practice to refer to.

If you wish to visit an alternative referral team, we may ask you to contribute towards this cost if there is a significant difference in fees. Your veterinary surgeon can contact us for more information regarding referrals team preferences.

Remember to:

- Photocopy your Certificate and keep this safe
 - Bring the SAS Certificate for your dog to each veterinary visit.
 - Bring a copy of your Vet Fees Claim Form to each visit.
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- Provide your vet the letter enclosed.
 - Discuss with your vet the SAS prescription pad (they may need to order it).
 - Direct your vet to the website (www.dogstrust.org.uk/sas/) for contact details and information.
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- Make a note of your vet's number for emergencies.
 - Enquire about your vet's Out of Hours provision in case of emergency.
 - Keep £25 safe in case of emergency requiring veterinary treatment.

Consider insurance for any condition not covered by the Shared Adoption Scheme.

Dogs Trust contact email is sas@dogstrust.org.uk or complete our online form; www.dogstrust.org.uk/sas/contact/

See our dedicated website for more up to date information about the Shared Adoption Scheme for vets and adopters 24/7;

www.dogstrust.org.uk/sas/

The total cost of our Shared Adoption Scheme now exceeds £1.7 million per year.

Any contribution that you are able to make will allow us to continue this vital work.

Donations can be made via Dogs Trust SAS, 17 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7RQ

If you have any questions about the Shared Adoption Scheme please let us know.



Dogs Trust, Clarissa Baldwin House, 17 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7RQ

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