



## **GUIDE TO APPLICANTS FOR FUNDS TO SUPPORT CANINE WELFARE**

*(This guide should be read thoroughly before any grant application is submitted)*

### **1. AIMS**

Dogs Trust is the UK's largest dog welfare charity, caring for around 15,000 stray abandoned and unwanted dogs each year. Dogs Trust works to reduce and, ultimately eliminate the incidence of homeless dogs in the UK. We rely on the prevention and cure approach: rescue and re-homing work aims to deal with the immediate needs of abandoned dogs; prevention measures such as neutering, permanent identification and registration, education and lobbying are used as longer term solutions. While our focus is the UK, the prevention and cure approach is being taken to a growing number of countries worldwide. Applications will be considered in support of these aims.

**NOTE:** No application will be considered if it involves work under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.

### **2. APPLICANTS**

An application may be made by an individual or by the primary investigator of a group of investigators. The primary investigator should be the person spending the majority of their time on the project or, if not appointed (e.g. in the case of a PhD) their immediate supervisor.

### **3. APPLICATIONS**

In the first instance, a preliminary application summarising the project must be submitted. Application should be made on Dogs Trust Canine Welfare Grant Preliminary Application Form using Times New Roman font size 12. Applicants should limit the text to the indicated word counts and should not use annexes or pictures.

These will be reviewed by the Welfare Grants Committee. Those applications deemed to be of relevance / interest will be asked to submit a full application form within a specified time period.

In the event of a full application being invited, application should be made on Dogs Trust Canine Welfare Grant Full Application Form using Times New Roman font size 12. The application must be signed by the primary investigator, their Head of Department and counter-signed by the organisation's Finance Officer.

The application should normally be accompanied, where applicable, by a letter of support from the applicant's head of department.

Applicants should pay particular attention to explaining the relevance of their application to canine welfare. In assessing applications Dogs Trust will normally consider *inter alia*

- a. the welfare implications of the project
- b. the scientific merit of the project
- c. the likely success of the project within the period
- d. the extent to which the project is likely to increase knowledge of and to benefit dogs
- e. the overall cost of the project

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In describing the proposal to be undertaken, applicants should justify the work to be undertaken and explain which parts of the project will be undertaken in each phase. The means of achieving the objectives of the project should be stated concisely but in sufficient detail to permit independent evaluation of the likely success of the project. Project proposals will be peer reviewed prior to consideration by the Canine Welfare Grants Committee.

Applications may be submitted electronically, as long as the signature pages are appropriately signed and scanned.

#### **4. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS**

Grants offered are not valid until they and the principal applicant and any other individuals whose acceptance may be required by Dogs Trust have accepted their terms and conditions in writing.

#### **5. REJECTED APPLICATIONS**

Dogs Trust regrets that it is unable to enter into correspondence on the reasons why applications have been rejected by the Canine Welfare Grants Committee.

#### **6. CHANGES TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Terms and Conditions for Canine Welfare Grants are enclosed with the application pack. Dogs Trust reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time. Organisations with existing grants will be informed of changes and Dogs Trust will seek to ensure that existing grant holders are not disadvantaged by such changes. Dogs Trust may, in relation to any individual project, lay down further terms and conditions of grants, or vary any of these terms and conditions, as it sees fit.

#### **7. QUERIES**

For queries on the completion and submission of applications please telephone the Veterinary Director on 0203 879 0558 or e-mail [cwg@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:cwg@dogstrust.org.uk).

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