



## Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs Application for Vets Get Pets Adoption Disbursement

(Nebraska State Statute 80-416)

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- Limit one adoption per veteran.
- The Vets Get Pets program may disburse up to \$350 to a qualifying organization to cover a veteran's pet adoption fees. The veteran will be financially responsible for any adoption fees above the maximum limit.

### Application Submission:

The following items are required to be considered for a Vets Get Pets adoption disbursement:

1. Page 1 of the Vets Get Pets application completed and signed \* by the veteran.
2. Page 2 of the Vets Get Pets application completed and signed \* by the shelter/rescue organization.
3. An estimate from the shelter/rescue organization itemizing the adoption fees.
  - a. The organization's name and contact information must be printed on the estimate.
  - b. The veteran's name must be printed on the estimate.
  - c. Estimates must be current; any estimates dated more than 1 month prior to the date of submission will not be accepted.

### Submit the completed application packet to:

[https://appengine.egov.com/apps/ne/va/County\\_Submission\\_Confidential\\_Documents](https://appengine.egov.com/apps/ne/va/County_Submission_Confidential_Documents)

*\*Digital signatures are acceptable.*

### Preauthorization Period:

If the veteran's application is approved, a preauthorization letter will be issued and copies will be sent to the veteran and organization.

The veteran will have 2 weeks to finalize the adoption.

### Payments:

After the adoption has been finalized, a final bill itemizing the adoption fees is required before payment will be issued.

1. The organization's name and contact information must be printed on the final bill.
2. The veteran's name must be printed on the final bill.

### Submit the final billing statement to:

[https://appengine.egov.com/apps/ne/va/County\\_Submission\\_Confidential\\_Documents](https://appengine.egov.com/apps/ne/va/County_Submission_Confidential_Documents)

**Payments will be made directly to the organization.**

### Vets Get Pets Contact Information:

Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

Phone: (402) 471-2458

Email: [ndva@nebraska.gov](mailto:ndva@nebraska.gov)



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**Part I: Veteran Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last 4 of SS#:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI Suffix

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Legal Residence (NO PO BOXES):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip Code

**Mailing Address (if different from Legal Residence):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or PO Box City State Zip Code

**Shelter/Rescue Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II: US Citizenship Attestation, Certifications, and Understandings**

**Veteran's United States Citizenship Attestation:**

For the purpose of complying with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-108 through 4-114, I attest as follows and I understand that the US Citizenship Attestation information may be used to verify my lawful presence in the United States:

I am a citizen of the United States.

OR

I am a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act; my immigration status and alien number are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_, and I agree to provide a copy of my USCIS documentation upon request.

I certify that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I understand the following:

- I understand that the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs may disburse up to \$350 to a qualifying organization for the adoption of a pet and that I am responsible for any adoption fees over that amount.
- I attest that the adopted pet will be living with me in a home environment that has working heat and air conditioning. If I am not the owner of the property, I will obtain the owner's consent and provide the owner's contact information to the organization to confirm that I am allowed to have a pet on the property.
- I attest that the adopted pet will have access to clean drinking water, the proper amount and type of quality pet food, and any other items necessary to meet the needs of the pet.
- I will establish and maintain proper veterinary care for the adopted pet, which shall include keeping all required vaccinations up to date and following the veterinarian's recommended plan of care to ensure the health and well-being of the pet.
- If, for whatever reason, I am unable to continue caring for the adopted pet, I will return the pet to the organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Veteran**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**FOR NDVA  
 USE ONLY**

Approved     Denied     Cancelled     Withdrawn

Date of Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Awarded: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Payment Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

NDVA Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Part III: Shelter/Rescue Organization Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **License#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or PO Box

City

State

Zip Code

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV: Minimum Standards for Adoption**

1. The shelter/rescue organization (herein called "the organization") is licensed with the State of Nebraska Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Industry with an Animal Rescue Facility License.
2. If the veteran is not the homeowner, the organization will contact the property owner to verify the property owner's consent to allow an adopted pet to live on the property.
3. The organization will make the veteran aware of any license or insurance that is needed for the pet and made aware of any outlawed pets by local authorities.
4. All pets are to be spayed or neutered prior to adoption if of appropriate age.
  - a. Cats should be spayed or neutered by the age of 6 months.
  - b. For dogs, the age is to be set by the organization based on the breed.
  - c. For dogs, the age restriction is to be documented.
  - d. If adopted out prior to being spayed or neutered, the organization or adopting veteran will be responsible for having the procedure completed by a set date documented in the adoption contract.
  - e. The organization shall have a documented process that follows up on these cases to validate the spaying/neutering procedure was completed by the set date documented in the adoption contract.
  - f. Animals which cannot be fixed due to health or age need notation of this on the adoption contract and a document from a licensed veterinarian for the rescue's file.
5. All pets are to be seen by a licensed veterinarian prior to adoption.
  - a. All pets must be fully vaccinated prior to adoption. A copy of the pet's medical record, which shall include vaccination history and disclosure of any known medical issues, must be provided to the adopting veteran.
  - b. Copies of the veterinarian papers with proof of medical care are provided to the adopting veteran with disclosure of any known medical issues.
  - c. Tumors, hernias, or abnormal skin lesions will be examined by a licensed veterinarian and removed if determined to be detrimental to the pet; understanding that anesthesia and any medical procedure may risk the animal's well-being.
  - d. Any pet that shows signs of illness, parasites, diarrhea, or other potentially transmissible health condition prior to adoption should be kenneled separately (quarantined) until the condition has been resolved.
6. All adoptions are to include an adoption contract with the clause that the pet is to be returned to the organization and is not to be sold or given away should the veteran decide not to own the pet at any point in its lifespan.

**Signature of Shelter/Rescue Representative**

**Printed Name**

**Date**