

## Our Founder

### About Dr. Brooks

As a veterinarian for more than 10 years, Dr. Tara Brooks has always had a passion for all animals, simply serving as an advocate for those animals that would otherwise have none.



### Dr. Tara Brooks and Hank

Taking in dozens of animals over the years, Dr. Brooks' heart continues to grow. Over the course of 10 years Dr. Brooks has given out of her own pocket over \$100,000 to support owners and animals that do not have

the resources to care for animals requiring emergency care. It is with this mindset that Hope Mending Hearts went from a dream to reality for Dr. Brooks.

Through her efforts a 501(c)(3) foundation has been established dedicated to providing the services animals and their owners need in order to receive the care they deserve. By providing the service of offering grants to owners that are financially struggling, animals that are in urgent need to receive care can be helped. Owners will no longer have to contemplate euthanasia when the animal can be healthy after the emergency surgery. The whole idea is to pay it forward. If you like to know more about Dr. Brooks and Hope Mending Hearts, please don't hesitate to contact her at: [info@hopemendinghearts.net](mailto:info@hopemendinghearts.net)

We are very thankful for the growing list of sponsors and supporters at Hope Mending Hearts. Please take a moment to join us in supporting and thanking them for the generosity. If you would like to join our support team, please feel free to reach out to us at: [info@hopemendinghearts.net](mailto:info@hopemendinghearts.net)

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# HOPE MENDING HEARTS



THE HOPE MENDING HEARTS MISSION

## About Hope Mending Hearts

### Hope Mending Hearts Vision/Mission & Values:

To mend the bodies of animals and the hearts of the owners by providing emergent resources to save the lives of animals in need.

*Values: honesty, competency, loyalty, compassion*

Economic hardships can prevent people from caring for the animals they love. When circumstances threaten the bonds between people and their pets, the Hope Mending Hearts Foundation is here to help all those that we can.

Hope Mending Hearts provides:

- Financial assistance grants to pet owners, Good Samaritans and rescuers in order to care for animals who need urgent veterinary care
- Tools for pet owners struggling with economic hardship
- Resources for victims of domestic violence and deploying soldiers.

The goal of the program is to help animals who need immediate veterinary care to survive. Due to the overwhelming number of applications we receive, we unfortunately cannot help everyone. The typical grant is \$100 to \$200. Decisions are based upon several factors, including: medical urgency, financial need, available funding, pet eligibility and pet owner financial status.

Once an application is submitted online, you can expect to receive a response via e-mail or by phone within one to two business days.

Hope Mending Hearts depends upon donations from kind supporters to fund this grant program.

Please donate to help us reach our goal of doubling the budget for this program by 2015 so we can increase the amount and quantity of grants provided. (There will be a donate button on the web page)

Good Samaritans and pet owners turn to Hope Mending Hearts as a means to provide financial and resource assistance with urgent veterinary care. The Hope Mending Hearts grants help meet the cost of caring for animals needing life-saving veterinary treatment.

## ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The applicant (person/group applying for a grant) must:

- Be seeking assistance for one animal in need of urgent medical care.
- Must have a veterinary diagnosis, prognosis and treatment plan.  
Hope Mending Hearts cannot pay for office exams or diagnostic testing.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Make a concerted fundraising effort, attempting to find funding through your own means and personal contacts.  
See our suggestions for fundraising.
- Before Hope Mending Hearts grants can be approved, pet owners must first apply for Care Credit.
- Submit a completed application online.
- Provide updates, photos and video if Hope Mending Hearts is able to help.
- Live in the United States.

The animal must:

- Have a life-threatening injury or illness that requires urgent and specific treatment.
- Have a favorable prognosis.
- Be spayed or neutered (if the animal is not already spayed/neutered, please include plans for having this done when submitting the application).

The veterinary clinic must:

- Be aware of the client's financial need.
- Speak with a Hope Mending Hearts board member & provide itemized estimates upon request.
- Accept a check from this organization.

Hope Mending Hearts cannot help if any of the following apply:

- The animal's treatment has been completed.
- The animal's medical needs are for:
  - ongoing conditions or treatments (such as diabetes or chemotherapy)
  - testing or diagnostic work (such as X-rays, MRI or blood work)
  - routine care (such as spay/neuter, vaccinations or annual exams)
- The injury/illness could have been prevented through standard routine care (except recently rescued animals).
- You as the owner of the animal have previously received previous Hope Mending Hearts assistance.
- You are an independent rescuer who has received a grant within the last 12 months.

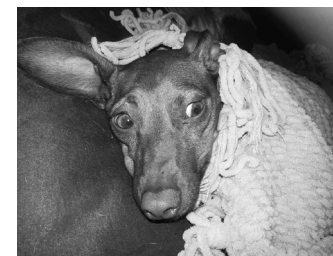
## How to Apply

An individual seeking a Grant for Emergent Care from Hope Mending Hearts must:

- Have obtained a diagnosis, prognosis and treatment plan from a licensed Veterinarian for one animal.
- Demonstrate financial need through the attached questionnaire.
- Not have readily available funds through friends and family.
- Have a life-threatening injury or illness that requires urgent and specific treatment.
- Have a favorable prognosis for survival after care.
- Have a participating clinic that is aware of the situation and willing to perform the care for the agreed upon price and the clinic must be willing to speak with a representative of HMH to finalize arrangements for care and price.

Situations that would prevent the approval of a Grant:

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If you still feel that you would be eligible for a Grant, please fill out the form online Grant application and submit to a representative of Hope Mending Hearts via our website or one of our participating clinics.