



The Pet Rescue Foundation

Guidelines for U.S. Colleges of Veterinary Medicine

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Maddie's Fund[®] is an independent, private foundation devoted to the welfare of companion animals. Maddie's Fund was established in 1994 through the generosity of Dave and Cheryl Duffield, and is dedicated to the memory and unconditional love of their beloved canine companion, Maddie.

The goal of Maddie's Fund is to help build a no-kill nation where all healthy and treatable shelter dogs and cats find loving new homes. The Foundation is striving to reach this goal by awarding grants to 501(c)3 animal welfare organizations and Colleges of Veterinary Medicine located within the United States.

Colleges of Veterinary Medicine grants:

Maddie's Fund envisions a time when animal shelters will truly be shelters – temporary refuge for nurturing and rehabilitation of dogs and cats awaiting loving new homes. In order for this to happen, we need to prevent healthy shelter pets from getting sick and help the sick pets get well. Most animal shelters today lack professionally trained veterinary staff to maintain wellness programs and/or comprehensive treatment programs for the very young, sick, injured and poorly behaved.

Maddie's Fund has elected to support U.S. Colleges of Veterinary Medicine that are seeking to establish shelter medicine programs that support [the no-kill philosophy](#). We are providing funding for the development and implementation of shelter medicine programs that will ultimately improve the quality of shelter pets' lives, reduce shelter deaths, increase the adoption of shelter animals and lay the foundation for saving all treatable shelter pets.

Through newly developed curricula, hands-on shelter experience, and shelter related research, shelter medicine programs will introduce veterinary students to this newly emerging discipline of veterinary medicine and create a well-informed pool of shelter medicine specialists for the future.

As lifesaving efforts for healthy animals improve, all shelters* – traditional, animal control and adoption guarantee – will be able to focus more attention and resources on treatable animals – the very young, sick, injured and poorly behaved. A new generation of shelter veterinarians is desperately needed to administer medical and behavioral care for shelter dogs and cats with contagious diseases, behavior disorders and other ailments.

Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Grant Options**

- ⊙ **Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Research**
- ⊙ **Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Externship**
- ⊙ **Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Teaching and Research Program**
- ⊙ **Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Residency Training**
- ⊙ **Maddie's[®] Comprehensive Shelter Medicine Program**

**For more information on shelter types, please refer to Appendix I.*

***Before making an application for one or more grant option, please review eligibility requirements listed in the guidelines for each option.*

Maddie's Fund staff is more than happy to clarify our guidelines and eligibility requirements and to answer questions about proposal development. For more information about Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine grants, please e-mail us at info@maddiesfund.org or call us at 510.337.8989.



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Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Research

Maddie's Fund[®] is interested in providing grants to U.S. Colleges of Veterinary Medicine for the discovery of new shelter medicine information that helps advance adoption guarantee shelter practices and methods.

Criteria:

- Studies must aim to improve the health and well-being of shelter animals and must demonstrate direct relevance to adoption guarantee shelter practices and methods.
- Studies must follow accepted scientific principles so that results are credible.
- No terminal research projects will be accepted, and all studies involving the use of live animals must be approved by the institution's Animal Care and Use Committee prior to funding.

General information:

- The size of the grant will be based on the specific needs associated with the research project. There is no maximum grant size limit.
- Indirect costs may not exceed 10%.
- Applicants may be faculty veterinarians, veterinary residents, or veterinary students under the guidance of a faculty mentor.
- Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Research grants will not fund full-time faculty salaries or major equipment costs.
- Project duration is limited to one year. Renewal applications may be considered if applicable.
- All investigators receiving a Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Research grant are required to recognize Maddie's Fund in any and all publications and presentations arising from the research.
- Copies of all publications stemming from this project should be submitted to Maddie's Fund at the time of publication.
- A final report must be submitted to Maddie's Fund within 90 days of project completion.
- There is no deadline for submission of applications.
- Interested applicants should send their letter of inquiry with all the items listed below to Dr. Laurie Peek via e-mail (info@maddiesfund.org) or snail mail (Maddie's Fund, 2223 Santa Clara Avenue, Suite B, Alameda, CA 94501). If sending via snail mail, please enclose two copies. Requests for full proposals will be made by Maddie's Veterinary Programs Director.

Each copy of the letter of inquiry must include a:

1. Cover page including the title of the proposed study, the name and title or position of principal and co-investigators, a mailing address and an email address for each investigator, and the amount requested.
2. Clearly articulated description of how the study will help advance adoption guarantee shelter practices and methods.
3. Project summary (limited to two pages) including background information, study design, description of animal care procedures and of the effects on animals studied, expectation of results, method of analysis, and estimated time to completion.
4. Project budget.
5. Curriculum vitae (maximum of 2 pages per individual) of each investigator.



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Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Externship

Maddie's Fund[®] is offering grants to U.S. Colleges of Veterinary Medicine to offer stipends to third and fourth year veterinary students interested in a Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Externship at adoption guarantee shelters.

Criteria:

- All student externships must take place at suitable adoption guarantee shelter facilities.
- Recipients should have an appreciation of the no-kill philosophy.
- All students awarded a Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Externship must honor Maddie's Fund's core values of honesty, integrity and mutual respect.

General information:

- The maximum grant amount is \$6,000 per institution per year with a \$1,500 stipend limit for each student.
- Applicant must be a faculty veterinarian.
- All colleges receiving a grant for a Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Externship are required to name the externship Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Externship.
- Reporting requirements include a final report from the awarded student(s) detailing their experiences and understanding of the no-kill philosophy.
- There is no deadline for grant submission.
- To apply for a Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Externship grant, submit a proposal with all the items listed below to Dr. Laurie Peek via e-mail (info@maddiesfund.org) or snail mail (Maddie's Fund, 2223 Santa Clara Avenue, Suite B, Alameda, CA 94501).

Each copy of the proposal must include a:

1. Cover page describing the criteria for how students will be selected to receive the Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Externship award.
2. Curriculum vitae of the Faculty Coordinator.



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Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Teaching and Research Program

Maddie's Fund[®] is offering funding to U.S. Colleges of Veterinary Medicine for a Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Teaching and Research Program that can include Pre-Clinical and Didactic Shelter Medicine Training, Shelter Medicine Externships, Shelter Medicine Continuing Education and Shelter Medicine Research.

Criteria:

- The proposed program must support the no-kill philosophy.
- The proposed program must help advance students' understanding of adoption guarantee shelter practices and methods through student education.
- All student externships must take place at suitable adoption guarantee shelter facilities.
- Research must be detailed in the proposal. Studies must aim to improve the health and well-being of shelter animals and demonstrate direct relevance to adoption guarantee shelter practices and methods.
- Studies must follow accepted scientific principles so that results are credible. No terminal research projects will be accepted, and all studies involving the use of live animals must be approved by the institution's Animal Care and Use Committee.
- Colleges awarded funding must honor Maddie's Fund's core values of honesty, integrity and mutual respect.

General information:

- The maximum grant amount is \$50,000 per institution per year. The grant is potentially renewable annually for a total of three years, for up to \$150,000 in overall funding.
- Indirect costs may not exceed 10%.
- Applicants must be faculty veterinarians. Applicants at the rank of Associate or Assistant Professor are preferred.
- All colleges receiving a grant for a Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Teaching and Research Program are required to name the overall program Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Teaching and Research Program.
- All colleges receiving a grant for a Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Teaching and Research Program are required to follow a recognition plan provided by Maddie's Fund.
- Copies of all research publications stemming from this project should be submitted to Maddie's Fund at the time of publication. Any and all publications and presentations arising from the research are required to recognize Maddie's Fund.
- Reporting requirements include quarterly verbal updates and an annual written progress report. Continued funding is contingent upon satisfactory progress.
- There is no deadline for grant submission.
- To apply for a Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Teaching and Research Program grant, submit a proposal with all the items listed below to Dr. Laurie Peek via e-mail (info@maddiesfund.org) or snail mail (Maddie's Fund, 2223 Santa Clara Avenue, Suite B, Alameda, CA 94501).

Each copy of the proposal must include:

1. A cover page that clearly articulates how the program will support the no-kill philosophy and help advance adoption guarantee shelter practices and methods.

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2. Descriptions of current level of involvement by the college with area animal shelters and of any existing teaching, service or research that may overlap with the proposal.
3. Full description of the program and all of its components.
4. Description of naming opportunities, including naming of the overall program Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Teaching and Research Program.
5. Budget for the program.
6. Curriculum vitae of the Program Coordinator.



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Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Residency Training

Maddie's Fund® is offering grants to U.S. Colleges of Veterinary Medicine for Maddie's® Residency Training in Shelter Medicine.

Criteria:

- Colleges applying for funding for a Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Residency Training grant must have an established shelter medicine program.
- Recipients should have an appreciation of the no-kill philosophy.
- Colleges awarded funding must honor Maddie's Fund's core values of honesty, integrity and mutual respect.

General information:

- The maximum grant amount is \$50,000 per institution per year for a maximum of three years.
- Indirect costs may not exceed 10%.
- Applicant must be a faculty veterinarian.
- All colleges receiving a grant for a Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Residency Training are required to name the residency Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Residency.
- Reporting requirements includes an annual progress report detailing the resident's annual activities. Additionally, core shelters where the resident will receive clinical training will need to submit annual shelter statistics, using the Asilomar Accords Animal Statistics Table and definitions. These statistics will be submitted annually to Maddie's Fund as part of the annual report. [For more information about the Asilomar Accords, go to the Maddie's Fund website (www.maddiesfund.org/organizations/asilomar.html) or to the Asilomar Accords website (www.asilomaraccords.org).]
- Residency research funded by this grant must aim to improve the health and wellbeing of shelter animals and demonstrate direct relevance to adoption guarantee shelter practices and methods. Studies must follow accepted scientific principles so that results are credible. No terminal research projects will be accepted, and all studies involving the use of live animals must be approved by the institution's Animal Care and Use Committee.
- Any and all publications and presentations arising from the research are required to recognize Maddie's Fund.
- Copies of all publications stemming from this project should be submitted to Maddie's Fund at the time of publication.
- There is no deadline for grant submission.
- To apply for a Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Residency Training grant, submit a proposal with all the items listed below to Dr. Laurie Peek via e-mail (info@maddiesfund.org) or snail mail (Maddie's Fund, 2223 Santa Clara Avenue, Suite B, Alameda, CA 94501).

Each copy of the proposal must include a:

1. A description of the College's shelter medicine program.
2. Cover page describing the criteria for how the resident will be selected to receive the Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Residency.
3. A description of the proposed residency program including a description of the animal shelters where the clinical training will be conducted.
4. Budget.
5. Curriculum vitae of the Faculty Coordinator.



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Maddie's[®] Comprehensive Shelter Medicine Program

Maddie's Fund[®] is offering grants to U.S. Colleges of Veterinary Medicine interested in developing a Maddie's[®] Comprehensive Shelter Medicine Program that can include Pre-Clinical, Didactic and Clinical Shelter Medicine Training, Shelter Medicine Resident Training, Shelter Medicine Continuing Education, Shelter Medicine Research and Shelter Medicine Service to collaborating shelters.

Only pre-proposals should be submitted initially. Full proposals will be requested after acceptance of pre-proposals.

Criteria:

- The proposed program must support the no-kill philosophy.
- The proposed program must help advance adoption guarantee shelter practices and methods.
- The proposed program must help improve the quality of shelter pet lives, help reduce shelter deaths, and help increase the adoption of shelter animals.
- Research must be detailed in the final proposal. Studies must aim to improve the health and wellbeing of shelter animals and demonstrate direct relevance to adoption guarantee shelter practices and methods. Any data collection involving shelter statistics must, at a minimum, use the Asilomar Accords Animal Statistics Table and definitions.
[For more information about the Asilomar Accords, go to the Maddie's Fund website (www.maddiesfund.org/organizations/asilomar.html) or to the Asilomar Accords website (www.asilomaraccords.org).]
- Studies must follow accepted scientific principles so that results are credible. No terminal research projects will be accepted, and all studies involving the use of live animals must be approved by the institution's Animal Care and Use Committee.
- Adoption guarantee shelters must be included among the animal shelters selected to collaborate with the college's program. At least 50% of the time spent by students and faculty in activities involving collaborating shelters must be devoted to adoption guarantee shelters.
- The program should provide service learning opportunities for teaching, and not primary care to the collaborating shelters. Collaborating shelters are expected to maintain adequate in-house veterinary-care programs, including full-time shelter veterinarian(s) and medical treatment facilities.
- Colleges awarded funding must honor Maddie's Fund's core values of honesty, integrity and mutual respect.

General information:

- The maximum grant amount is \$250,000 per institution per year. The grant is potentially renewable annually for a total of six years, for up to \$1.5 Million in overall funding.
- Indirect costs may not exceed 10%.
- Applicants must be faculty veterinarians. Applicants that are at the rank of Associate or Assistant Professor are preferred.
- All colleges receiving a grant from Maddie's Fund for a Maddie's[®] Comprehensive Shelter Medicine Program are required to name the overall program Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Program for as long as the college maintains a shelter medicine program.
- All colleges receiving a grant from Maddie's Fund for a Maddie's[®] Comprehensive Shelter Medicine Program are required to follow a recognition plan provided by Maddie's Fund.

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- Copies of all research publications stemming from this project should be submitted to Maddie's Fund at the time of publication. Any and all publications and presentations arising from the research are required to recognize Maddie's Fund.
- Reporting requirements include quarterly verbal updates and an annual written progress report. The annual report must include a progress report for sustaining the program once Maddie's funding ceases. Continued funding is contingent on satisfactory progress. Additionally, core shelters where the resident will receive clinical training will need to submit annual shelter statistics, using the Asilomar Accords Animal Statistics Table and definitions. These statistics will be submitted annually to Maddie's Fund as part of the annual report.
[For more information about the Asilomar Accords, go to the Maddie's Fund website (www.maddiesfund.org/organizations/asilomar.html) or to the Asilomar Accords website (www.asilomaraccords.org).]
- There is no deadline for grant submission.
- To apply for a Maddie's[®] Comprehensive Shelter Medicine Program grant, submit a letter of inquiry with all the items listed below to Dr. Laurie Peek via e-mail (info@maddiesfund.org) or snail mail (Maddie's Fund, 2223 Santa Clara Avenue, Suite B, Alameda, CA 94501).

Each copy of the letter of inquiry must include a:

1. Cover page that clearly articulates how the program supports the no-kill philosophy and how it will help advance adoption guarantee shelter practices and methods.
2. Description of any current level of involvement by the college with area animal shelters and any existing teaching, service or research that may overlap with the proposal.
3. Narrative program outline.
4. Description of naming opportunities, including naming of the overall program Maddie's[®] Shelter Medicine Program.
5. Budget for the program.
6. Curriculum vitae of the Program Coordinator.



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Attachment I: Shelter Categories

For the purposes of these guidelines, there are three categories of organizations: (1) Animal Control (AC); (2) Traditional (TR); and (3) Adoption Guarantee (AG).

- **Animal Control (AC):** Municipal agencies or animal organizations that contract with local governments to provide animal control services.
- **Traditional (TR):** Animal organizations that manage shelter populations by euthanizing pets that are considered to be healthy or treatable in addition to unhealthy & untreatable animals. If a traditional shelter has a contract with local government to provide animal control services, please include this organization in the Animal Control category.
- **Adoption Guarantee (AG):** Animal organizations that save all the healthy and treatable animals under their care, with euthanasia reserved only for unhealthy & untreatable animals. An adoption guarantee organization could be an animal shelter, rescue group, foster care organization, or sanctuary.

An animal organization does not have to call itself an adoption guarantee organization, but it does have to: (1) save all healthy and treatable animals under its care and make public its commitment to doing so; (2) clearly articulate to its community that it is saving all healthy and treatable animals under its care; (3) use the definitions of healthy and treatable as described by the Asilomar Accords; and (4) publish, at least annually, in the organization's primary publications and on its website, the organization's shelter statistics, including the number of live intakes, adoptions, redemptions, transfers, died in kennel, and euthanasia, including owner-requested euthanasia.