

Vets with Pets



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Our nation's military personnel pay a steep price for protecting our freedoms. They may be asked to relocate often, go to dangerous areas of the world and leave their families for long periods of time.

For many of us, our pets are truly members of the family. The same is true for our military. When they have to move to a new place or leave home for military operations, they may face problems with providing care for their companion animals. They often need help with boarding, funding well-care visits to the veterinarian, assistance in an emergency, paying for vaccination programs when they are assigned to overseas postings or simply financing transportation for their pet when they are relocated.

Let's provide our soldiers with a helping hand so that they, too, can care for their companion animals. The Frederick County Humane Society has set up the Wolfe Military Assistance fund to assist our local soldiers with these pet care needs. If you would like to help, contact the FCHS at www.fchs.org.