

DOGS TRUST INTERNATIONAL FUNDING CRITERIA

There are many ways in which dog welfare issues can be addressed but we do not have sufficient resources to support all the needs of all projects throughout the world. The following notes will help you to ensure that your application has the best possible chance of success.

Please read these guidelines in full before making an application.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

There is no minimum or maximum size of grant and the amount you request should be the amount that you need from us. However, most of our grants will be in the £50 to £50,000 range. Only a very small number of grants will exceed £100,000.

The amounts given may be spread over one, two or three years. Dogs Trust may withhold funding at any point if the project is not carried out as originally prescribed. A further application will need to be made for any funding beyond three years.

WHO AND WHAT WE WILL FUND

We fund not for profit, non-governmental animal welfare organisations.

We do not give grants to support projects in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (or any Crown Dependencies) or in the Republic of Ireland as we already fund these elsewhere. We do not have any other geographical exclusions, but are less likely to fund projects in countries with long-established and well-funded animal welfare movements.

We can only give money for projects that enhance dog welfare. No grants may be used for helping other species.

We will consider any project that will enhance dog welfare. We prefer to fund activities that are sustainable and make a measurable difference. **Your application should state how the success of your project will be measured.**

Examples of projects we favour are:

- Youth and adult education
- Stray dog population control (eg trap, neuter, release). Applications in this area will need to demonstrate that work has been conducted to estimate the local stray population and that the local authorities are sympathetic /support the project and have a no kill policy.
- Veterinary care (eg vaccination campaigns, subsidised veterinary treatment for those on low incomes)
- Staff /veterinary training

Whilst we may support the building and maintenance of rescue and rehoming facilities, we will only do this where there is a realistic chance of the dogs finding new homes. We will also need to see evidence that the organisation responsible have good governance in place, clear management structures and have properly thought about the need for construction. You will also need to demonstrate you have sufficient funds to cover all operational expenses once construction is complete.

We do not wish organisations to become dependent on Dogs Trust grants. Therefore, we will favour applications that can demonstrate how projects will be sustained after our grant giving has come to an end. **Your application should explain how sustainability will be achieved.** To aid this process, we will consider giving financial support to pay for a member of staff with proven fundraising skills.

SHORTLISTING CRITERIA

We receive more applications than we can fund. So we have to assess applications in an objective manner. We will favour projects that can demonstrate some or all of the below criteria:

- The potential to have a significant and lasting positive impact on dog welfare.
- The ability to measure success.
- The presence of a long term funding plan.
- Strong support from the local community and key influencers.
- A well governed organisation is making the application.

If an application is shortlisted, we will usually arrange to visit you to learn more about the project before a final decision is made (see next section).

HOW TO APPLY

Please read the guidance for applicants in full before drafting your application.

WHEN TO APPLY

Applications can be mailed to Dogs Trust, 17 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7RQ.

Or e-mailed to international@dogstrust.org.uk

Applications are received all year round. Grants will be considered on a rolling basis and we will aim to answer your application within two months.

If the committee decides to shortlist your organisation for a grant, we will either arrange to visit you or will ask for references. All grants over £20,000 will require a visit.

We may wish to suggest adaptations or improvements to projects before making grants.

Following the visit or references being received, a final decision will be made on whether a grant is to be given. Money can be made available within one month of the application being approved.

If an application is accepted, regular reports will be required along specific criteria relevant to the application.