



Dogs Trust Worldwide Grants – Frequently asked questions

Who can apply for a grant?

Dogs Trust Worldwide provides grants to registered, not for profit organisations who wish to improve dog welfare. The organisation will need to show evidence of its legal registration and evidence that they have an organisational bank account.

Where does my project need to be to be eligible?

We will accept applications to support dog welfare projects anywhere in the world, except for the UK and the Republic of Ireland where Dogs Trust has its own programmes.

How much can I apply for?

Our maximum grant that can be awarded for organisations who we have not previously funded through our grants programme is £30,000.

What type of projects do you fund?

Applications should fit one of our strategic themes around responsible dog ownership or dog population management. These could include projects on dog population control, working towards elimination of rabies, improving successful local rehoming, aiming to prevent exploitation of dogs (such as in the dog meat trade). They may be education projects working with children or other groups to reduce dog bites or increase responsible dog ownership, they may be projects that provide subsidised or low-cost vet treatment to disadvantaged groups.

What will you not fund?

We will not fund capital build items such as building of rehoming shelters if the land is not owned and we will not fund the purchase of land.

Dogs Trust Worldwide does not fund international rehoming. Whilst we understand the instinctive desire to rehome dogs internationally, we have concerns for the impact it might have on dog welfare in general. Not only is there the risk of disease being moved from one country to another, but, if a dog is used to free roaming, it may be unlikely to cope with a home environment. In addition, rehoming dogs outside the country of origin will not solve the dog population issue there. To be effective it is better to focus on activities within the country itself.

Our Mission is: “Working towards the day when all dogs can enjoy a happy life, free from the threat of unnecessary destruction”. Dogs Trust Worldwide will, therefore, not support organisations who euthanase healthy dogs. Health is defined by the WHO (OIE) as a ‘state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity’. The basis of welfare in all animals has been based broadly around the five freedoms. We prioritise dog welfare and quality of life above all.

How do I apply?

Application forms are available to download on our website (link). Only applications typed and submitted on our forms by email will be accepted. Please fill in the Part 1 form plus choose the relevant Part 2 form for the type of project for which you are applying. Note that if your project covers more than one area of work you may have to fill in more than 1 of the Part 2 project forms.

Completed forms should be emailed to: international@dogstrustworldwide.com

We aim to provide an email acknowledging receipt of your application within 3 working days. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please email us and ask.

We will usually have further questions to ask of applicants following receipt of their application; these will be more detailed and aim to clarify areas of the project such as veterinary standards, educational materials, euthanasia and rehoming policies that are relevant to the project.

When can I apply and when will I hear?

We have 3 rounds of grant funding a year, with each round having a closing deadline sometime in January, May and September. The exact next deadline date will be on our website. You can submit your application anytime; if you just miss one deadline your application will be carried forward for consideration in the next round.

We aim to let all applicants know the outcome within 3 months after the deadline. We may wish to suggest adaptations or improvements to projects before making the grant. In some cases we will want to visit you before giving a final decision.

We will give feedback and advice to unsuccessful applicants in good faith, but the decision of our Grants Committee is final, and we will not get into detailed discussions about the decision.

What happens next if my application is successful?

If an application is accepted, we will draft terms and conditions or a Memorandum of Understanding (depending on the size of the grant) to be signed by both parties. Money can be made available within one month of the application being approved, assuming the terms and conditions are agreed.

Regular reports will be required along specific criteria relevant to the application, and a plan for these will be provided as part of the terms and conditions.

How likely am I to be successful with my application?

We receive very many requests for financial support and are sadly unable to provide grants to everyone who applies, even if the project is a good one! In 2017 we received 246 applications and were able to award grants to 64 (26%) of them.

How can I maximise the chance of my application being successful?

We will favour projects that can demonstrate some or all of the following criteria:

- **Impact potential:** The potential to have a significant and lasting positive impact on dog welfare.
- **Monitoring:** An understanding of the scale of the problem and a plan on how to measure progress/success.
- **Sustainability:** The presence of a long-term funding plan.
- **Local community engagement:** Strong support from the local community and key influencers.
- **Governance:** A well governed organisation making the application.
- **Value for Money**
- **Innovative:** Taking an innovative approach that other dog welfare organisations can learn from.