

# Mary Hooper ELder Pet Care (HELP) Program

## Application for Services

Our pets are “members of the family”. For seniors, the companionship of a pet can be even more significant. We recognize the benefits of having a pet, as well as the challenges of pet care - especially as we age. The Cohasset Social Services League, in partnership with the Scituate Animal Shelter, can HELP. This program is for residents of Cohasset and Scituate, 65 years of age and older, who are enrolled in one of the qualifying programs listed below. The program is designed to provide assistance to qualified individuals\* so they may keep and properly care for their beloved animals; free services may include annual veterinary checkups and vaccines, spay/neuter, pet food pantry, health-related pet grooming and senior pet adoption.

To be considered for participation in the HELP Program, please complete the following:

### 1. Services - please check services that are of interest to you

- Annual veterinarian pet checkup and vaccines
- Pet food pantry
- Pet spay/neuter
- Pet grooming (for pet health reasons)
- Adoption of a senior pet (“Seniors for Seniors” program)

### 2. General Information - please complete

Name			
Street Address			
Town/Zip			
Phone Number			
Email			
Pet Dog Info	Name:	Breed:	Age:
Pet Cat Info	Name:	Breed:	Age:
Veterinarian	Name:		
	Office/Address:		
	Phone:		
No vet...	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not currently have a veterinarian		

### 3. Qualifying Information

\* This pilot program is for senior residents of Scituate and Cohasset who are enrolled in one or more of the following programs (please check all that apply to you):

- South Shore Elder Services
- Old Colony Elder Services
- Meals on Wheels
- Senior Housing
- MassHealth (Medicaid)
- I am not enrolled in any of the programs listed but need assistance in caring for my pet because of (please check all that apply):
  - Unanticipated financial hardship
  - Disability
  - High unreimbursed (human) healthcare costs due to chronic illness
  - Other (please provide a detailed explanation below)

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#### RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

For Good and Valuable Consideration, The Social Service League of Cohasset, in partnership with The Scituate Animal Shelter, acting through The Mary Hooper Elder Pet Care (HELP) Program, of 780 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Scituate, Massachusetts and the participating Party(ies) of the HELP program, I, being of lawful age hereby release, discharge and by this release for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, release and forever discharge The Social Service League of Cohasset, in partnership with The Scituate Animal Shelter, acting through The Mary Hooper Elder Pet Care (HELP) Program, and its servants, agents, employees, and affiliates of and from any and all actions, causes of action, claims or demands for damages, costs, loss of use, loss of services, expenses, compensation, consequential damage, including but not limited to annual pet check-ups and vaccines, pet food pantry, pet spaying/neutering and pet grooming, or any other thing whatsoever that The participating Party(ies) has on account of, or in any way arising out of, any and all known and unknown personal injuries, death, property damage, and all other damages resulting or to result from the adoption of said animal from the date of participation. It is intended that this release shall operate between The Participating Party(ies), their heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns, and The Social Service League of Cohasset, in partnership with The Scituate Animal Shelter, acting through The Mary Hooper Elder Pet Care (HELP) Program and its servants, agents, employees, and affiliates.

No promise or inducement which is not herein expressed has been made to me, and in executing this release I do not rely upon any statement or representation made by any person, firm, corporation, or other entity, hereby released, or any agent, physician, doctor or any other person representing them or any of them, concerning the nature, extent or duration of said damages or losses or the legal liability therefore, The Participating Party(ies) in consideration hereof, promise not to sue The Social Service League of Cohasset, in partnership with The Scituate Animal Shelter, acting through The Mary Hooper Elder Pet Care (HELP) Program and its servants, agents, employees, and affiliates, for any damages whatsoever in connection with the adoption of said animal.

I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing release and know the contents thereof, and I sign the same as my own free act.

#### CAUTION: READ BEFORE SIGNING

The Social Services League of Cohasset, In Partnership With The Scituate Animal Shelter, acting through The Mary Hooper Elder Pet Care (HELP) Program, by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print your name here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please submit your completed form to:

HELP Program  
Scituate Animal Shelter  
780 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy  
Scituate, MA 02066

Upon receipt of your application, a HELP volunteer will be in touch with you. For further information, call 781-544-4533. All applications will be reviewed in a timely manner and are strictly confidential.

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## Petcare Assistance Program

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780 Chief Justice Cushing Highway  
Scituate, MA 02066  
781.544.4533

### How to Apply

- 1.) Fill out application completely.
- 2.) Mail in application with check for \$10.00 payable to:  

Friends of the Scituate Shelter  
780 Chief Justice Cushing Highway  
Scituate, MA 02066
- 3.) Receive certificate in the mail.
- 4.) If participating in veterinary services program, Schedule appointment with designated veterinary hospital, and bring certificate and pet to veterinarian appointment.
- 5.) If participating in the petfood pantry program, contact the Scituate Animal Shelter to arrange for pet food

The certificate will include the veterinarian contact information. **IF YOU MISS YOUR SCHEDULED VETERINARY APPOINTMENT, THIS CERTIFICATE IS NO LONGER VALID.** The certificate covers the cost of spaying or neutering, annual veterinary checkups including required vaccines and veterinarian prescribed maintenance medications for intestinal parasites, heartworm and flea/tick protection, and any other services listed on the form. Should your pet require any other service or you do not pick up your pet on time YOU are responsible for the additional charges.

#### **Veterinary services the certificate DOES NOT COVER:**

- Emergent care for illness or injury
- Surgery
- Treatment of infections, chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, kidney failure, seizure disorders, and other conditions requiring medications and additional veterinary visits.
- Boarding Fees
- Any other service not specified on this form

By signing below, you signify that you understand the eligibility requirements, available services and limitations of the Mary Hooper Elder Pet Program and request enrollment in the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date