



## Power of Pets Program

*Interacting with animals and pets has been shown to reduce loneliness, boost people's mood and feelings of social support, decrease stress, and lower blood pressure. Of course, pets involve ongoing responsibilities, including medical care, which can be expensive.*

*AgeSpan is fortunate that, through the generosity of Meals on Wheels America and PetSmart, we can offer people 65 and over help with these bills through our program.*

### WHO CAN APPLY TO THE PROGRAM?

- People currently receiving AgeSpan services, such as: Meals on Wheels, home care or those living in community housing
- People 65 and over, not using our services, who qualify financially (Example: \$2,265 monthly income for a single-person household)
- People who reside in one of the 28 cities/towns we serve. See list below.

### HOW MUCH WILL IT COVER?

Up to \$300 in one-time veterinary care for pets of those in need, once per year.

### CAN I USE MY CURRENT VET?

- If you already have a vet, AgeSpan will pay your vet directly, up to \$300.
- If you do not have a vet, AgeSpan will help coordinate services with an approved vet.

### WHAT SERVICES ARE COVERED?

- Rabies shots
- Spaying/neutering expenses
- A variety of inoculations
- Flea/tick care
- Annual checkups
- Nail trimming
- Other routine care

### MORE INFORMATION

If you are receiving AgeSpan services and would like more information, contact your AgeSpan Care Manager at 800-892-0890. If you are not receiving our services, please contact Sandy Jennings at 978-946-1222.

### AGESPAN'S COVERAGE AREA:

Amesbury, Andover, Billerica, Boxford, Chelmsford, Danvers, Dracut, Dunstable, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Marblehead, Merrimack, Methuen, Middleton, Newbury, Newburyport, North Andover, Peabody, Rowley, Salisbury, Salem, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Westford, West Newbury

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