



## POLICY

Title of Policy	Lifesaving treatment for animals not in M2BL care
Policy Number	3.6
Category	Animal Welfare
Approval Body	Board of Directors
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### CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society is often approached to help with veterinary bills of animals not in M2BL's care and do not want to surrender the pet to the rescue. Though M2BL would love to help all animals needing assistance, this is not financially viable.

### SCOPE

These guidelines and procedures apply to all volunteers, employees, and board members of Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society.

### DEFINITIONS

**Lifesaving care:** Care an animal requires urgently and if it does not receive this treatment, it will either die from its condition or require euthanasia.

**Non-lifesaving care:** includes, but is not limited to spay/neuter, non-life threatening injuries, dental procedures, etc.

## **POLICY STATEMENTS**

### **1. Applicable medical conditions**

- 1.1** In some circumstances, Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society will provide financial aid for an animal who is not in M2BL care to receive vet-approved medical treatment if the animal would not survive without the treatment and the owner is unable to fully cover the cost.
- 1.2** Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society will not provide financial assistance in the form of a loan for:
  - Medically unnecessary procedures not for the benefit of the animal e.g. declaw, tail dock, etc.
  - Procedures that are not veterinarian-recommended
  - Applications from breeders or anyone convicted of animal cruelty
  - Basic pet health care, spay/neuter, etc.

### **2. Prior Approval**

- 2.1** Every effort must be made by the animal's owner to have partial coverage of costs confirmed prior to M2BL intervention taking place.  
Reimbursement for fees paid to a veterinarian prior to contact with, or approval by, Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society will not be granted.

### **3. M2BL Contribution**

- 3.1** Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society will provide some financial assistance with lifesaving treatment for an animal only if the owner is also paying a portion and agrees, in writing, on a repayment plan. Meant 2B Loved's contribution will not exceed \$1,000 for the animal's treatment.
- 3.2** Any owner requiring Meant 2B Loved to pay 100% of the costs of lifesaving treatment for an animal will need to surrender that animal to Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue for the treatment to be paid for unless a reasonable payment plan between the owner and Meant 2B Loved can be worked out.

### **4. Emergency Life-Saving Treatment Repayment Agreement**

- 4.1** Animal owners will be required to complete an emergency life-saving treatment repayment agreement (Appendix A), and have it approved by the Rescue, prior to any funds being dispersed by Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society.
- 4.2** Failure to comply with the repayment agreement will disqualify the owner from any future financial assistance.

## APPENDIX A

### Life-Saving Treatment Emergency Repayment Agreement

**Between:**

Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society  
270 Mission Crescent  
Cranbrook, B.C. V1C 6P7

**And**

(legal name of owner)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ accept a loan of a maximum of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ from Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society for the life-saving treatment  
of my \_\_\_\_\_ named \_\_\_\_\_.

In return, I agree to repay Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society's full loan amount in  
\_\_\_\_\_ installments over \_\_\_\_\_ months. This repayment plan will consist of a  
payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, every \_\_\_\_\_ until the full amount has been  
paid. Meant 2B Loved will not charge interest on this amount.

Further, I acknowledge that failure to adhere to this agreement may disqualify me  
from receiving assistance for any emergency pet treatment in the future.

Executed at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (year).

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

in the presence of

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M2BL Representative Signature

Name of Individual