



Siberian Husky Club of America Trust

Health Rescue Education



Intake Grants: Allowable Expenses

The Trustees realize that due to the different ways that Veterinary Services are listed and charged by each service provider and vendor, creating a complete list of Allow Intake Grant Expenses is probably impossible. However, the following is an attempt to provide a guide and methodology to the thought process for this grant. Further, there are some examples of the types of products and services that will be considered allowable, and how to address any out-of-scope items for possible consideration. Please understand that the Trust, unfortunately, is unable to cover all expenses for all Siberians rescued, so don't forget the current maximum per dog.

The relationships between Approved Rescue Entities and local service providers (e.g., Veterinarians, Clinics, Local Humane Organizations, etc.) vary across the country. For example, some areas provide low cost spay/neuter services, while others discount vaccinations. This meant that the Trust's former Spay/Neuter Grant was great for some Rescues, but not so for others. The creation of the year-old Intake Grant attempted to expand the list of Intake Expenses which the Trust would help fund. It was designed to help defray some of the standard expenses associated with bringing a Siberian into rescue and preparing that dog to be placed in its new home. These types of expenses, for example, include Veterinarian visit, routine bloodwork, and parasite testing; bringing vaccinations up-to-date; spaying/neutering—in short, helping to make sure the Siberian meets some level of health prior to adoption. Unfortunately, the Trust's resources do not extend to being able to cover ongoing routine or special needs maintenance. But, don't forget that the Trust also offers grants for emergency life threatening situations.

STANDARD ALLOWABLE INTAKE GRANT EXPENSES

Healthy Dog Activities

- Veterinary Check-up
- Routine Bloodwork (CBC) (Or in the case of a Senior Dog, a Senior Blood Panel which traditionally includes a CBC, although a bit more costly might be indicated, and the Senior Panel would be allowable in such cases, but not both.)
- Routine Parasite Testing, and treatment/preventative for a maximum of 3 months (worms, fleas, heartworm, etc.)
- Vaccination Updates (DHPP, Leptospirosis, Rabies, Canine Influenza, Bordatella) Please Note: in areas where dogs are required to wear rabies tags and they are not automatically provided with the vaccine, the cost of a rabies tag may be allowed.

Spaying/Neutering (some veterinary providers list this as a single, large line item, or it might be listed with these components)

- Surgery, anesthesia, IV, suturing, etc.
- Medication (Pain Management, Calming, Anti-nausea, Antibiotic, Anti-inflammatory—both during surgery and/or a short course post-surgery)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

In some situations, additional expenses may be considered allowable. In such situations outlined below, should a veterinarian deem them necessary in support of the above-listed Standard Allowable Intake Grant Expenses, the invoice should be accompanied by an explanation on letterhead by the Veterinarian providing details regarding the need for the expense. **As such expenses require the Veterinarian's explanation, ALL Grants, including Intake Grants with such expenses, are best applied for as soon as possible after the expense is occurred.**

- **Hospitalization/Boarding** In a situation where patient monitoring by trained Veterinary staff and/or when treatment/medication can only be administered by Trained Veterinary staff (i.e., IV meds, etc.) which is explained by Veterinarian on Clinic letterhead included with the invoice.
- **Additional Diagnostic Testing** Recently applications include other types of testing in addition to Routine Bloodwork (CBC), such as Coagulation, Senior, additional Comprehensive panel, etc. The Trust will allow one such test to be considered as allowable, so determine which test you wish to submit. Should a Veterinarian believe additional tests are **required**, please include the Vet's reasoning with the invoice.

Additional Medications The Trust includes allowable medication in the section on Spaying/Neutering. If, however, the Veterinarian believes there is the need for additional medication, please add the Vet's explanation with the invoice.

- **Additional Concurrent Surgery** Although it often makes sense to include additional surgeries to be performed while a dog is under anesthesia for neutering or spaying, the need for the secondary surgery must be explained by the Veterinarian on Clinic letterhead to even be considered as a possible "approved IG expense."
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Intake Grant was not devised to address a Siberian's additional conditions. Remember that the Emergency Medical Grant also is available possibly to cover conditions outside of Intake Expenses.

CURRENTLY NOT COVERED BY THE INTAKE GRANT

Trust does not consider to be Allowable Intake Grant Expenses:

- E-Collars
- Medical Waste Charges
- Sales Tax
- Microchips and Implanting
- Duplicate Tests (without adequate explanation from a Veterinarian, as with other Special Consideration items)
- Supplements (without adequate explanation from a Veterinarian, as with other Special Consideration items)