



# Seized Animal Costs & Care

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Case #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of animal(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Seized Animal Cost of Care Act, Orphans of the Storm is entitled to recover the reasonable costs of care for the animals it seized.**

The costs of care are directly associated with the physical condition of each individual animal, the necessary diagnostic testing, and necessary treatment in order to improve the animal's health and maintain the animal's health throughout the time during which the animal is in the care of Orphans of the Storm.

The necessary diagnostics and treatment will be determined by a licensed veterinarian based on the physical examination findings and risk factors based on the history of the animals. (i.e. the environment from which the animals were seized). The cost of treatment for an individual animal will vary based on the veterinarian's findings but may include reasonable diagnostic testing such as routine bloodwork and radiographs, antibiotics, pain medications, or other surgical or medical treatment for injury or disease.

The cost of food, water, and shelter for each animal exceeds \$15.00 per day. As such, Orphans of the Storm will be entitled to a maximum of \$15.00 per day PER ANIMAL, pursuant to the Costs of Care Act. The minimal medical cost at intake to Orphans of the Storm for vaccinations, worm medication, flea medication, ear mite medication, and initial testing for Feline Leukemia Virus/Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (cats) and testing for Lyme, heartworm, Ehrlichia, and Anaplasmosis (dogs) is \$100.00.

**For the first TWO MONTHS of caring for the animal(s), Orphans of the Storm is entitled to payment of the reasonable costs of care of EACH seized animals as follows:**

1. Food, water and shelter (\$15.00 x 60 days = \$900)	<b>\$900.00</b>
2. Medical care MINIMUM on intake	<b>\$100.00</b>
3. Additional medical care costs (determined by the condition of the individual animal)	_____
<b>Total Two-Month Cost Per Animal</b>	<b>\$1,000.00 + amount in line C</b>

This means for each animal seized, Orphans of the Storm is entitled to a **MINIMUM OF \$1,000.00 PER ANIMAL SEIZED** for the first two months of care, not including medical costs associated with health conditions of the animal(s).

**Costs will continue to accrue** for the months following the initial costs indicated above. Court proceedings may last **MANY MONTHS**. We have had animals in our care for up to 18 months prior to resolution of the court case.

We want you to be aware of the costs prior to making a decision on whether or not to relinquish an animal to our care.

**If an animal is relinquished to our care the fees will be GREATLY REDUCED or COMPLETELY WAIVED** because we can rehabilitate the animal and find a new home much more quickly.