

## **PAL+ Qualification Guidelines**

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### Listed below are the 2 options a client can qualify for the PAL+ program

- The client can be on any of the government assistance programs listed below.
  OR
- 2. The number of household members and total gross household income (see below) qualifies as low income assistance. If there are extenuating circumstance(s) such as loss of income/job/medical expenses, please contact our Community Pet Resources Manager to discuss further.

## **Examples of Government Assistance Programs and Documents Needed**

**Food Stamps** Letter of acceptance with recipient name and current year, OR screenshot/print out of EBT Edge account showing the account under recipient name is "active".

WIC Women, Infants and Children-ID card with name on it.

**Medicaid** Medicaid card or letter from Dept. of Children & Families with recipient name and current year.

**Larimer County Works** Designed to assist low-income families in moving from monthly cash assistance into the workplace. Letter of acceptance with recipient name and current year.

**Section 8, Public Housing** Letter from Fort Collins Housing Authority or other local housing authority or US Dept. of HUD (Housing and Urban Development) Federal Housing Administration with receipt name and current year.

**LEAP** Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Letter of acceptance with recipient name and current year.

**Colorado PEAK** Online platform where you can apply for or manage medical, SNAP, cash, or other State of Colorado benefits. Copy of card and case number.

**Social Security** Letter of acceptance with recipient name and current year, along with yearly/monthly total amount.

#### **Low Income**

Income listed is TOTAL GROSS INCOME FOR HOUSEHOLD.

\*A Household is defined as the total number of related or unrelated persons living at the same address who purchase, prepare and consume food together. Household income is the combined income of said persons.

#### **Income Guidelines:**

| Household Size | Gross Monthly Income | Gross Yearly Income |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1              | \$2,248.00           | \$26,973.00         |
| 2              | \$3,041.00           | \$36,482.00         |
| 3              | \$3,833.00           | \$45,991.00         |
| 4              | \$4,625.00           | \$55,500.00         |
| 5              | \$5,418.00           | \$65,009.00         |
| 6              | \$6,210.00           | \$74,518.00         |
| 7              | \$7,003.00           | \$84,027.00         |
| 8              | \$7,795.00           | \$93,536.00         |

# These are some types of proof requested by all household members receiving income:

| Salary, Wages, Tips,<br>Bonuses, Commissions     | W-2s or 1040 form for past year, or pay stub(s) from recent 30 day/4 week period, or signed/dated letter on company letterhead from employer with gross earnings for a specified current period, i.e. monthly. |
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| Social Security (including disability/survivors) | Most recent check stub showing current amount & frequency, or statement/letter from Social Security Authority showing current amount & frequency   |
| Military   | Most recent Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)   |
| Unemployment or Workers<br>Comp                  | Most recent check stub showing current amount & frequency, or signed/dated letter or document from Unemployment Office or insurance company showing current amount and frequency                               |
| Veteran Benefits                                 | Signed/dated letter or document from VA showing current amount & frequency   |

**Questions?** Email our Community Pet Resources Manager at <a href="mailto:PetResources@savinganimalstoday.org">PetResources@savinganimalstoday.org</a> or call **970-484-8516 ext. 5133**