

Dogs Trust Worldwide Champions Fund



Champions Fund (Worldwide) – Frequently asked questions

Dogs Trust believes every dog deserves to live life to the full, and we will not rest until we make the world a safe and happy place for dogs – so together we never have to let any dog down.

Who can apply for a grant?

Dogs Trust Worldwide provides small grants to registered, not for profit organisations who wish to improve dog welfare. The organisation will need to show evidence of its legal registration and evidence that they have an organisational bank account.

Where does my project need to be to be eligible?

We will accept applications to this fund for projects aiming to support dog welfare projects in Africa, Asia, Oceania and the Americas (except the USA).

Applicants from the USA should refer to the Dogs Trust USA website for grant availability and process: <https://www.dogstrustusa.org/our-grants/> Applications for projects in Europe should apply through the Champions Fund (Europe) programme <https://www.dogstrustworldwide.com/champions-fund/european-champions-grants/> and we do not fund projects in the UK or Ireland where Dogs Trust has its own programmes., with the exception of UK

How much can I apply for?

Our maximum grant that can be awarded through our small grants programme is £10,000.

What type of projects do you fund?

In 2023 we are accepting applications that are directed towards improving local rehoming practices. These could include requests for funds to make material improvements to existing rehoming centre/shelter infrastructure, equipment to improve the running of shelters/rehoming centres or to provide enrichment opportunities for the dogs in the rehoming centre/shelter. Applications aimed at improving local fostering/adoption programmes are welcomed.

What will you not fund?

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We are not able to contribute towards construction costs of a new rehoming centre/shelter or the purchase of land. We will also not fund consumables with this small grants programme.

Dogs Trust Worldwide does not fund international rehoming, so, we will not fund improvements to overseas adoption programmes or fostering programmes which could result in a dog being rehomed overseas. Whilst we understand the instinctive desire to rehome dogs internationally, we have concerns for the impact it might have on dog welfare in general. Not only is there the risk of disease being moved from one country to another, but, if a dog is used to free roaming, it may be unable to cope with a domestic home environment. In addition, rehoming dogs outside the country of origin will not solve the wider dog population and welfare issues there. To be effective it is better to focus on activities within the country itself, which can include improving local adoption rates.

Dogs Trust Worldwide will not fund organisations who euthanase healthy dogs (Healthy as defined by the World Health Organisation ([WHO](#)) and the World Organisation for Animal health ([WOAH, formerly OIE](#)) as a 'state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity'. We base the welfare of animals around the five welfare needs and prioritise quality of life above all.

Dogs Trust supports organisations who have developed their own clear policy and guidance around euthanasia ([ICAM guidance](#) may help you if you do not already have).

How do I apply?

The Application form is available to download on our website ([add link](#)). Only applications typed on our form and submitted by email will be accepted. Please complete all the relevant parts as thoroughly as possible.

Completed forms should be emailed to: international@dogstrustworldwide.com

We aim to provide an email acknowledging receipt of your application within 3 working days. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please email us and ask.

We may have further questions to ask of applicants following receipt of their application.

When can I apply and when will I hear?

In 2023 we have one grant round, open to receive applications from June 1st to July 3rd, 2023.

We aim to let all applicants know the outcome within 6 weeks after the deadline for applications, we are unable to speed up this decision-making process for individual applications. This is to make sure that we carry out any necessary due diligence and treat all applicants fairly. Please be aware of this when you are considering applying.

We may wish to suggest adaptations or improvements to projects before making the grant.

Due to the high volume of applications expected and the competitive nature of the process we are sadly not able to provide feedback and advice to unsuccessful applicants.

What happens next if my application is successful?

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If an application is accepted, we will draft terms and conditions to be signed by both parties. Funds can be made available within one month of the application being approved, assuming the terms and conditions are agreed.

The required reporting will be detailed as part of the terms and conditions.

How likely am I to be successful with my application?

We receive very many requests for financial support and are sadly unable to provide grants to everyone who applies, even if the project is a good one! The successful applicants are chosen in a competitive process, with the number of grants approved depending also on our finances available for the small grants programme each year.

Can I apply again next year if I receive a grant this year?

Since we are trying to support as many organisations as possible, we are unable to provide continuation funding; however, organisations are welcome to apply again next year for a different project.