



Animal Welfare Groups Program Description: SOS Supports Animal Welfare

Free and Affordable Supplies Available to Animal Welfare Organizations

Supplies Over Seas (SOS) is a not-for-profit medical surplus recovery organization (MSRO) based in Louisville, Kentucky. SOS places recycling bins in medical institutions and collects surplus medical supplies and equipment. These supplies are brought to our warehouse where volunteers sort, count, box and inventory the supplies. Our primary goal is to make these surplus medical supplies available to groups whose mission is to provide humanitarian aid to people living in medically impoverished communities around the globe. When SOS has surplus that is not being used by our humanitarian aid partners, we are happy to assist **animal welfare organizations**.

User Requirements

SOS is committed to providing ethical, effective, and recipient-focused services. All applicants and recipients must:

- Be a recognized nonprofit organization (NGO, not-for-profit, hospital, or clinic) using supplies for free or ability-to-pay services
- Not use supplies obtained through Supplies Over Seas for sale or as a means for profit

SOS Inventory

SOS has expired medical supplies that are available for animal welfare groups. Availability and quantity of items fluctuate based on donations from our healthcare partners. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that all items will be in stock at the time of your appointment. A sample list of items that might be available in unlimited quantities for animal welfare groups:

Dressings
Syringes & Needles
Scalpels

Cotton-tipped Applicators
Exam Gloves
Skin Preparation Materials, iodine, alcohol, etc.

Free Supplies - Supplies Over Seas will make available at no cost **IV fluids and drapes**.

Sutures & medical instruments are never available to animal welfare groups.

Application Process

Animal Welfare Groups who wish to receive affordable and/or free supplies must first fill out an application. Prospective applicants will want to take the time to read the application and understand the financial responsibilities and release/indemnity information. Animal Welfare Groups may apply to obtain supplies once a month.

Appointment

Once the application has been approved, SOS will call to schedule an appointment to choose available supplies. Because SOS has a small staff to assist with this program, appointments will usually be made in the afternoons and on Fridays. Recipients will have their **photo taken** receiving supplies. These photos may be used in SOS marketing materials.

All items selected during the appointment must be paid for and taken away from the SOS warehouse at the time of the appointment. SOS does not have the capacity to store supplies that applicants have selected. Due to staffing constraints, if for any reason you **cannot keep your scheduled appointment**, please call SOS immediately to reschedule so that valuable staff time can be allocated wisely.

Financial Responsibility

SOS requires an administrative fee/SOS Donation of **\$50 that covers the first 50 lbs.** of supplies collected. Each additional pound will be charged **\$2/pound**. IV fluids and drapes are exempt from this fee. No supplies will leave SOS without payment having been made. SOS supports not-for-profit animal welfare groups who provide free or fee-based services. The **application is valid for one month** and fee/s **are cumulative if multiple appointments** are necessary. Animal Welfare Groups may apply monthly for supplies.

On the day of your appointment, be prepared to pay the administrative fee/SOS donation. While our healthcare partners donate the surplus medical supplies to Supplies Over Seas, recipients or their sponsors are asked to pay an administrative fee/SOS donation to help cover some of the costs of our operations. Your tax-deductible donation enables Supplies Over Seas to equip your organization with the supplies you need.

Payment Options

The following payment options are available: Cash, US check, credit card (AMEX, Visa, MasterCard, Discover); through PayPal on the SOS website; or wire transfer.

Not Able to Visit SOS?

If your pet group is not able to come to the SOS warehouse in Louisville, KY, or if you are located outside the SOS service area, you may still request medical supplies. SOS will hand pack and mail supplies to your organization. SOS requires an administrative fee/SOS Donation of **\$100 that covers the first 40 lbs.** Each additional pound will be charged **\$2/pound**. Animal Welfare Groups will pay for the shipping of the supplies. No supplies will leave SOS headquarters without payment having been made.

Request an Application

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Questions

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