

Territory Business Services Grant Response Template: Financials, Issues & Ideas

Companion Animal Grant

- **Organisation Name:** Canberra Pet Rescue
- **Reporting Period:** 2024-2025
- **Date Submitted:** 19/12/2025
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Summary

Canberra Pet Rescue benefitted significantly from the Companion Animal Grant (the Grant) during the 2024-25 reporting period. We originally envisaged using the grant to enhance and automate our rehoming services, including website, however technical issues have prevented this. We have instead re-purposed the grant to directly increasing the number of pets rescued, rehabilitated, rehomed and pet owners experiencing crisis assisted through our service (deed of variation refers).

Financial Reporting

A. Budget Summary

Budget Summary

Category	Amount Budget	Actual Expenditure
Personnel	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0
Vet bills	\$7,000	\$6,524
Other (specify) - Pet supplies and housing (food, litter, parasite control etc)	\$18,000	\$18,476
Total	\$25,000	\$25,000

Narrative Explanation

- The actual expenditure aligns closely with the budgeted expenditure, notwithstanding a small re-allocation from 'vet bills' to 'other' to meet the increasing cost of pet supplies.
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Issues and Challenges

A. Operational Challenges

- As noted above, we experienced technical challenges in implementing our original proposal during the reporting period. No other operational challenges are noted.

B. Financial Challenges

- As noted above, a key challenge is the increasing cost of pet supplies, in particular pet food. Veterinary care costs are also increasing and availability at local vet practices is difficult due to our volumes of rescue pets, and the complexity of our cases (requiring experienced vets). With cost-of-living pressures, many owners are finding it difficult to afford care of their pets and ability to afford adoption fees (even though we charge less than cost of care). Donations funding our operations are also greatly reduced due to cost-of-living pressures. We expect these to be an ongoing cost pressure for our charity and other rescues.
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Ideas and Innovations

A. Process Improvements

- Overall, we were pleased with the quality of service and grant process.

B. Program Enhancements

- We encourage the ACT Government to continue to maintain its open communication and engagement with us and other rescues in administering the grant program. An increase in funding available could increase our services we offer the community and reducing pressure on ACT Government pound and shelter.

C. Additional Feedback

- No further feedback at this time.
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6. Attachments

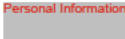
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7. Declaration

I certify that the information provided in this report is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name: Amanda Doelle

Title: President

Signature: 

Date: 19/12/2025