

Grey Muzzle Awards \$56,800 to 14 Organizations Through New Incubator Program

New program combines funding and mentorship to help organizations strengthen their programs and improve outcomes for senior dogs.

NATIONWIDE, NC, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Grey Muzzle](#)

[Organization](#) is proud to announce its 2026 Incubator Grants, awarding a total of \$56,800 to 14 smaller organizations dedicated to improving outcomes for senior dogs.

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These grants are specifically designed to support emerging and smaller animal welfare groups as they build the capacity needed for long-term success. By combining direct funding with mentorship and educational support, the Incubator Grants help organizations strengthen their senior dog programs, improve sustainability, and expand their impact within the communities they serve.

“Every senior dog deserves a second chance and the dignity of compassionate care,” said Emily Grossheider, Executive Director of The Grey Muzzle Organization. “Through these Incubator Grants, we are investing not only in immediate support for senior dogs, but also in the long-term strength of the smaller organizations that serve them every day.”

Dogs such as 13-year-old Lady Bear will benefit from Incubator Grants for years to come. When Lady Bear arrived at Citizen Canine Senior Dog Rescue with severe constipation, vomiting, and a large abdominal mass, the costly CT scan and surgery she needed were beyond the rescue’s budget. A Grey Muzzle grant made the critical diagnostics and life-saving surgery possible, revealing the mass was not cancerous. Today, Lady Bear has been adopted by her foster family and is thriving—chasing her ball, spinning for dinner, and reminding everyone that today is enough.

The rationale behind the Incubator Grants centers on increasing capacity to care for senior dogs.

Smaller organizations often do vital work with limited resources, yet face barriers to growth and sustainability. By providing both funding and capacity-building tools—such as program evaluation support, data guidance, best-practice sharing, and one-on-one mentorship—Grey Muzzle equips these groups to deliver more consistent, effective care. This approach helps them better meet the rising needs of aging dogs, reduce barriers to medical and dental care, prevent surrenders, and create stronger pathways to loving homes.

Since its founding, The Grey Muzzle Organization has provided millions in grants to help thousands of senior dogs nationwide. The organization envisions a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid.



Lady Bear is one senior dog that will continue to be helped with senior dog programs funded by Grey Muzzle.

Your support directly funds these life-saving grants. Donations of any size help provide essential veterinary care, comfort, and second chances to senior dogs in need. To donate or learn more about supporting Grey Muzzle grants, visit www.greymuzzle.org/donate.

About The Grey Muzzle Organization

The Grey Muzzle Organization is a national 501(c)(3) that saves and improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue groups, and sanctuaries across the country. Since 2008, Grey Muzzle has provided \$7.3 M in grants and envisions a time where every senior dog finds safety, love, and a soft landing. In July 2026, the organization awarded \$1.18 M to 59 shelters and rescues. Visit www.greymuzzle.org to learn more or support the mission.

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