

FAQs for tax deductions now that Denver Pet Partners is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Disclaimer

These answers should be used as a general guide. They will apply to most people who itemize deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040) and whose total charitable contributions are less than 20% of AGI on Form 1040. DPP is not qualified to give tax advice and is not responsible for invalid deductions taken due to reliance on the answers below. Always consult your tax advisor to confirm that they apply to your individual situation.

- If someone makes a donation to Denver Pet Partners (DPP) can they claim it on their tax return?
Yes, DPP is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations to it are tax deductible.
- Can I deduct my membership fee?
Yes, DPP's membership fees are tax deductible.
- Do you need a receipt in order to claim a donation to DPP on your tax return?
You need a receipt if you make a single donation of \$250 or more. For donations under \$250 made by check, the cancelled check is sufficient support for your tax deduction.
- Does DPP issue receipts for all donations?
DPP will only issue a receipt for tax purposes if you make a single donation of \$250 or more or if you make a cash donation. These will be mailed to you in January of the following year. If you made a donation of less than \$250, receipts will be mailed on request.
- What if I had a receipt but have lost it? Can I get a replacement?
Yes, duplicate statements can be issued on request.
- If I provide a pro bono service to DPP can I take a tax deduction for my time?
No, personal services are not deductible.
- Can I take a deduction for the cost of travel associated with DPP activities?
Yes, you can take a deduction for your mileage. The rate for 2012 is 14c/ mile. You must keep a log that shows, for every trip, the date, destination, purpose of travel and number of miles.
- Can I deduct out-of-pocket costs such as my evaluation fees and my partner's vest?
The IRS allows a deduction for un-reimbursed expenses necessary for the performance of your volunteer activities. (This would probably also include bathing\grooming expenses if you keep detailed records including receipts, documentation showing that it is required by the facility to be visited, and the proximity to visits i.e. within 24 hours prior to a visit.)
- Can I deduct the cost of meals while visiting?
No, you may not deduct personal expenses such as the cost of meals incurred during volunteering, except if you incur meal expenses as part of an overnight trip you make as a representative of DPP and you are not reimbursed.
- How can donations to DPP be submitted?
Donations can be made through PayPal at our website www.denverpetpartners.org or checks can be mailed to Denver Pet Partners, P.O. Box 271505, Littleton, CO 80127-1505.
- If I'm on a visit and someone asks me about donating to DPP, what do I tell them?
Explain that DPP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and that their donation may be tax deductible. See "How can donations to DPP be submitted?" above.
- What if I want to donate equipment or other property?
Contact DPP first to make sure your gift would be welcomed and to arrange for delivery. Gifts in kind are usually deductible at fair market value at the time of the donation. You will receive a letter from DPP that describes the item(s) you donated. You are responsible for determining the fair market value for tax deduction purposes.