

## **TAKE THE LEAD CREATES \$400,000. COVID-19 FUND**

The Board of Directors of Take The Lead announces the inception of a NEW fund, created to assist members of our fancy who have suffered the loss of their existing health insurance. This unexpected turn of events would be directly due to the unprecedented COVID-19 national pandemic. This loss of coverage may be due to job termination, lay-off, furlough, or for those who are self-employed, have lost their main source of income. We are seeking applicants who, due to these circumstances, are now unable to cover their monthly health insurance premiums.

Take the Lead has made available, \$400,000 for the COVID-19 FUND, which will be utilized strictly on a first come, first served basis, until such time as funds are depleted, or the fund terminates on June 30, 2020 (whichever comes first). If said funds are not exhausted, they will be returned to our general fund.

### **QUALIFICATIONS & APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. As required by all of our other programs, applicant must be a member of the purebred dog fancy for a minimum of a verifiable 5 years.
2. An application, available at [www.takethelead.org](http://www.takethelead.org), must be completed in full. All applications are strictly confidential.
3. A copy of applicant's 2018 Federal Tax Return and if applicable, letter of job termination or a COBRA notification must be submitted along with the application. The application will then be assessed by the Assistance Committee in terms of applicant's qualification and financial need.
4. If you are approved for assistance, you will be notified to submit your health insurance premium bill to the Watertown office, who in turn will remit funds directly to your insurance provider.

We would like to be able to assist as many of our friends as possible, but please be cognizant; we know the need will be great and we may not be able to lend support to everyone. Remember, we are all in this together and you are all in our thoughts. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

*Most warmly,*

*The Board of Directors of Take The Lead*

*All information provided to Take The Lead is strictly confidential and only used to determine eligibility for support. Names of applicants are strictly confidential and never divulged without the express permission of the applicant.*