

**2006 FLORIDA ANIMAL FRIEND GRANT APPLICATION**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Entire application must be typed or neatly printed – Sections may be expanded as needed to provide important details, but remember to be concise. Do not change the format of the application.

Name of Applicant Agency: **Halifax Humane Society**  
 Person Submitting Proposal: **Patti Thalheimer** Title: **Development Director**  
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Title of Proposal: **Pit Bull Spay/Neuter**  
 Total Amount of Funding Requested: **\$10,000.00** Check payable to: **Halifax Humane Society**  
 Dates of Last Complete Fiscal Year: **1/1/05 to 12/31/05**  
 Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: **\$1,857,586**  
 Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: **\$ 1,918,263**  
 Number of Paid Employees: Full-time: **37** Part-time: **6**  
 Number of Active Volunteers: **120** Total Volunteer Hours per Week: **286**

Describe Your Agency (check all that apply):

**Services Provided**

- Unlimited intake shelter
- Limited intake shelter
- Foster network
- Animal control
- Spay/neuter services
- Feral cat sterilization
- Veterinary care to the public

**Organization Structure**

- City, county, or tribal agency
- Private nonprofit agency
- Spay/neuter clinic
- Veterinary association
- Private veterinary clinic
- Community collaboration
- Other (Please explain below)

Grants received in the past five years (if any):

Funder	Funding Period Dates	Purpose	Amount
<b>Elinor Paterson Baker Fnd.</b>	<b>6/7/05 - 6/7/06</b>	<b>General Operating</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Bernice Barbour Fnd.</b>	<b>2/9/05 - 12/9/06</b>	<b>Spay Neuter equipment &amp; supplies</b>	<b>\$2,000.</b>
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## GRANT PROPOSAL DETAILS

### Applicant Qualifications:

In the last complete fiscal year:

**10,590** cats and **6548** dogs were handled (describe your animal program)

**1740** cats and **1571** dogs were sterilized (describe your sterilization program)

If your program performs adoptions, are all animals sterilized before adoption? **Yes**

If not all, what percentage of animals is not currently sterilized before adoption?     %

If not all, how are animals selected for sterilization before adoption?

If not all, describe your sterilization policies and procedures for assuring sterilization after adoption:

Give additional background information on your organization's programs as they relate to this application and the qualifications of the personnel who will be in charge of this program. Show that you have the ability to carry out this program:

**Halifax Humane Society has been serving the greater Daytona Beach area since 1937. It is a full-service shelter that receives over 17,000 animals through owner surrenders and housing and care contracts with 9 cities and Volusia County. Kennel and cage capacity can comfortably house approximately 350 animals per day and most times is full. Equipped with a spay/neuter clinic, we perform early-age S/N surgeries to ensure that all adopted animals are altered before leaving our facility. Low Cost S/N certificates are also made available to the public.**

**The Adoption Manager, Mary Clifton will administer this program. Mary has been employed by HHS since 2002 and currently oversees all adoptions, sale of Low Cost S/N certificates and schedules S/N surgeries, for both HHS adoptions and certificates.**

**Currently HHS spay/neuter clinic functions four days per week leaving one day per week available to administer this program. We believe our goal can be accomplished in a 3-4 month period.**

Is this a community collaboration involving multiple groups? If so, list each group by contact information and role in the project:

Group Name	Group Address	Website	Role

**Problem statement:**

Pet overpopulation is the number one issue facing companion animals today. More than five million pets are euthanized annually because there are not enough homes for them. It costs U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$2 billion each year to take in, care for, and often euthanize homeless animals. Although education has increased the percentage of animals that are spayed and neutered, more sterilization is needed to reach the critical thresholds necessary to control overpopulation. Since funding for sterilization programs is limited, it is important that available funds be used for programs that target the most significant sources of cat and dog overpopulation and that these programs increase sterilization surgeries above the current baselines of the community.

**Describe the target area:**

Geographical target area (name of city, county, Florida, etc.): **Volusia County, FL**

**HHS serves 9 cities and the Volusia County.**

Total human population in target area: **478,690** (information available at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

Percent of residents living below poverty in target area: **12%** ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov))

Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 4.0): **119,667**

Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.8): **99722**

Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0): **79,770**

Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.

**Numbers below include HHS and S.E. Humane Society.**

Number of cats **12909** and dogs **7845** admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)

Number of cats **10412** and dogs **3459** euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)

What kinds of spay/neuter services are currently available in the target area? In what way are these resources currently insufficient?

**All adopted animals are required to have spay/neuter surgery. We have a low-cost spay/neuter program in place not only at our facility but with a few local veterinarians. Although these programs are beneficial, we would like to offer free sterilization to specific target areas i.e. seniors, low-income families, etc. Challenges include overbooking and time delays. S.E. Humane has no facility to perform surgery.**

If you currently have a program for sterilization of cats and/or dogs, describe your current level of funding and productivity and why additional resources are needed.

**Sterilization of animals in our care are covered by the adoption fee (\$70) Last year we began a membership campaign to encourage community support and involvement and to significantly raise funds for our general operating expenses. The program is going well; we see a definite increase in membership and that means increased funds to our general operating budget. However, the funding is not sufficient to offer a program for free spay/neuter. As stated, we receive a large population of Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mix dogs; many are puppies. The requested funds would definitely decrease Pit Bull population which seems to be on the rise in our area. In addition, a microchip will be implanted in the animal the same day of surgery ensuring many of these animals will be returned to their owner should they get loose.**

**Describe the specific target population of the spay/neuter project:**

- Pets in low-income families: What qualifications will you use to determine low-income status?
- Special populations (e.g., pit bulls, underserved regions, unique events): **Pit Bulls/Pit Bull Mix**
- Neuter-before-adoption of animals from shelters or rescue groups
- Feral cat sterilization
- Other:

**Objectives:**

What do you hope to accomplish with these funds (objectives should be specific and quantifiable)?

**We are focusing on this particular breed because approximately 20% (more than 1300) of the dogs received at our shelter last year fell into this category. The numbers are rising each year. We want to take a proactive position and address this problem now. Many of the strays are picked up in underserved regions or areas of low income families. Our object is to offer free spay/neuter to any county resident who owns this specific breed. Not only will the animal be sterilized, it will be vaccinated, microchipped, and dewormed and flea protected if necessary.**

**Methods:**

What criteria will you use to determine eligibility for the program?

**Program is breed specific to pit bulls and pit bull mix. Owners must show proof of residency in our county and agree to vaccination and microchipping of their animal on the day of surgery.**

What arrangements have you made with veterinarians to perform the surgeries? Is the veterinarian(s) on your staff, on contract, in a spay/neuter clinic, or in private practice? Please attach a collaboration letter from the lead veterinarian, practice, or association that will provide spay/neuter services.

**Currently, we contract with two veterinarians. Our program would have one of these vets scheduled on Fridays for a 3-4 month period to perform surgery on these animals covered under the grant. Also, we are asking the Volusia County Veterinary Medical Association to participate. Please see attached letter of collaboration from lead veterinarian.**

How will you advertise the program? Consider using verbiage such as "limited to the first 50 applicants, one per family" or other restrictions so that you can graciously end the offer as needed. Explain how the advertising will reach the target audience. Attach promotion materials if available.

**The program will be advertised on our web-site and in our newsletter. There will be advertisement in print media and public service announcements on local television and radio programs. A flyer will be created for distribution not only at the shelter, but at off-site events. Local animal control officers will be contacted and asked to disseminate the opportunity in problem neighborhoods. Please see attached promotional materials in draft form.**

How will you address barriers to full use of the program such as transportation, literacy, and cultural hurdles?

**We do not foresee any barriers. Our population is English speaking. Literacy issues will be address through verbal advertisement on radio and television.**

**Veterinary fees:**

What is the fee range to be paid for spay and neuter and what is the distribution to be paid by the pet owner vs. the grant program? Keep in mind that Florida Animal Friend grant funds may only be used for costs directly associated with sterilization surgery and not for other items such as vaccines, testing, and licensing.

	<b>Amount Paid by Owner</b>	<b>Amount Paid by Project</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Range for Male Cats	\$0	\$0	\$0
Range for Female Cats	\$0	\$0	\$0
Range for Male Dogs	\$0	\$67.95	\$5,000
Range for Female Dogs	\$0	\$67.95	\$5,000

Is this a voucher program? If so, how will you assure compliance with the program?

No.

**Other information:**

Provide any additional information that will help the grant selection committee understand how the program will operate to achieve its goals.

**By offering this program to our community, we are addressing the pit bull overpopulation problem in our area. With the growing amount of pit bull dogs that enter our shelter each year, it is evident that our community is not grasping the seriousness of the problem. Citizens can no longer use the excuse that cost is an issue for not spaying and neutering their animals.**

**Evaluation:**

Applicant agrees to complete the Grant Follow-up Report and return it to Florida Animal Friend within 12 months of receipt of funds.

**Budget:**

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected: cats 0 dogs 147

Total budget requested: **\$10,000** Average cost/surgery projected: **\$67.95**

Budget should not exceed \$20,000. Create a line item for each separate kind of expense that will be covered by the grant funds, such as veterinary fees, surgical supplies, transportation, etc..

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost Each</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Veterinary fees	\$33.33	147	\$4899.51
Vet Tech and assistant.	\$26.13	147	\$3841.11
Surgical supplies	\$ 1.83	147	\$ 269.01
Drugs	\$ 6.66	147	\$ 979.02

Describe any expenses that are not included in the grant and how they will be paid for:

**Vaccinations, deworming and flea treatment where applicable, will be paid out of our general operating budget. A large number of microchips will be donated by Schering-Plough.**

**Timeline:**

All projects must be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding. Any unexpended funds must be refunded to Florida Animal Friend within 30 days of the end of the project. Requests for time extensions must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the end of the project.

Projected start date: **11/1/06**    Projected end date: **1/31/07**

**Future Funding:**

Explain how the organization plans to fund this program in the future. Having plans beyond "seeking funds from other funders" enhances the chances of receiving this grant.

**Should the need arise to implement this program in the future, we will look to community support and local government for funding. Additionally, we can raise funds for this program by incorporating it into one of the many fundraisers we host each year as a "special project."**

**Promotion of Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate:**

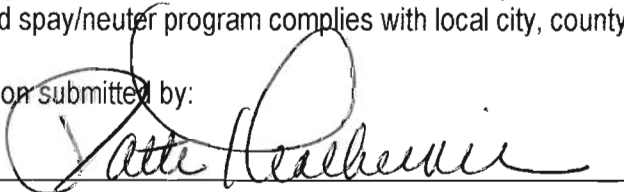
Applicants selected for funding are expected to publicize their grant in support of their spay/neuter program via press releases, newsletters, website links, etc. In addition, they are expected to promote the sales of license plates so that additional spay/neuter grants can be funded. Please describe your plan to promote the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate.

**The Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate program is featured on our web-site with a link to the host site. We have in the past and will continue to promote the sale of the license plates in our newsletters and hand-outs. We will have 2 signs made to post in our Adoption Lobby and Receiving Lobby promoting the Spay/Neuter license plate.**

By my signature below, I attest that the information provided in this grant proposal is true and that the proposed spay/neuter program complies with local city, county and state ordinances and laws.

Application submitted by:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: **5/30/06**

Name: **Patti Thalheimer**

Title: **Development Director**