

2008 FLORIDA ANIMAL FRIEND GRANT APPLICATION

Application must be RECEIVED BY: April 1, 2008

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Entire application must be typed. 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: North Florida People for Animal Welfare Society, Inc. dba North Florida PAWS, Inc.

Person Submitting Proposal: Katie Rooney Title: President/Treasurer

Organization Address: P.O. Box 9

City, State, Zip Code: Jennings, FL 32053-0009

Website Address: www.northfloridapaws.org

Phone number: 386-938-4092 Fax Number:

Cell Number: 386-719-0181 Email Address: northfloridapaws@windstream.net

Dates of Last Complete Fiscal Year: 01/01/07 to 12/31/07 (MM/DD/YY)

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$23,798.19

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$39,774.75

Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable): 2006

Number of Paid Employees: Full-time: 2 Contract: Veterinarian and Technician Part-time: 0

Number of Active Volunteers: 12 Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 30

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
- Other _____

Organization Structure

- City, county, or tribal agency
- Private nonprofit agency
- Spay/neuter clinic
- Veterinary association
- Private veterinary clinic
- Community collaboration
- Other _____

Applicant Qualifications:

For your organization, In the last complete fiscal year:

cats and dogs were admitted

cats and dogs were adopted

207 cats and 156 dogs were sterilized

cats and dogs were euthanized

Describe your animal programs:

On November 27, 2007, we opened a HIGH-VOLUME, LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC in Hamilton County which serves clients within a 70-mile radius which encompasses all or portions of 7 counties (Hamilton, Madison, Suwannee, Lafayette, Columbia, Union and Baker). In addition, we provide Preventive Care tests, shots, and medications at a low cost (price list attached).

If your program performs adoptions, are all animals sterilized before adoption? Yes No

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:

North Florida PAWS, Inc., was incorporated on February 14, 2000, primarily to support existing animal shelters and rescues in North Central Florida. We organized the "North Central Florida Animal Alliance" to focus on expanding spay/neuter assistance in this region. The members have helped us promote spay/neuter vouchers, and now the clinic, since March 2006. We have performed 579 surgeries in the past four months. As we become more well known and can provide financial assistance to poverty-level pet owners, we expect to significantly increase this number.

The following personnel work in the clinic:

Medical Staff consists of: 1) Dr. Alba Sosa-Rengel, contract veterinarian, whose experience includes owning a full-service veterinary clinic and working at the Greater Miami Humane Society performing shelter medicine and spay/neuter surgeries. 2) Nelly Quijada, contract Veterinary Technician, with over 20 years experience. 3) Doug Rooney, RN, volunteer, with 34 years experience as a surgical and emergency room nurse. As a member of FACA, he has completed the 40-hour animal control course as well as chemical capture and euthanasia courses.

Katie Rooney, President/Treasurer, is in charge of all administrative aspects of running the clinic, including training and supervising volunteers. Experience includes 23 years as Human Resources Manager and Director of North Florida PAWS, Inc. for 7 years.

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

The services available in our area are woefully insufficient to meet the needs of over 200,000 residents in this rural region. In addition to our Clinic, the following services are available: 1) The Suwannee Valley Humane Society in Lee, Madison County, offers \$10 rebates if presented proof of

surgery within 30 days. 2) 4 Pets Sake, Inc., in Gilchrist County assists pet owners through participating veterinarians in Levy and Alachua Counties (approximately 100 surgeries per year). Periodically, the Lake City/Columbia County Humane Society issues coupons from \$10 to \$25.

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.

PRODUCTIVITY: Prior to opening our fixed low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic on November 27, 2007, we issued 347 Vouchers to pet owners between 03/17/06 through 09/17/07. We perform surgeries Monday through Thursday every week except major holidays. Since opening our CLINIC, we have performed 579 surgeries in 65 clinic days; an average of 9 per day between 11/27/07 and 03/27/08. We have done 232 more surgeries in four months at the clinic than we funded through vouchers in 18 months. **FUNDING:** Expenses are covered through clients' payments, donations, and fund-raising programs/events. Additional resources are needed to increase the number of surgeries per day from an average of 9 to 13 to cover costs for staff and supplies. This grant will be used to supplement the cost of SPAY surgeries for low-income pet owners who are recipients of Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, or Florida Free School Lunch Program. Not only would this open our program to many more dogs and cats, it will help those most in need.

GRANT PROPOSAL DETAILS

Title of Proposal: SNIp* SPAY SUBSIDY (*Spay Neuter initiative for Pets)

Total Amount of Funding Requested: \$ 15,000 Check payable to: North Florida PAWS, Inc.

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
North Florida PAWS, Inc.	PO Box 9, Jennings, FL 32053	www.northfloridapaws.org	Lead Agency
CRITTER CARE FARM Animal Sanctuary	20822 49th Place, Lake City, FL 32024		Member
MEOW HOUSE, INC.	261 SE Deer St., Lake City, FL 32025		Member
SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL RESCUE	3676 SW CR 242 Lake City, FL 32024		Member
N.E.A.T., Inc.	55 SW Crow Terrace, Fort White, FL 32038		Member
MADISON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	PO Bx 539, Madison, FL 32340	www.madisoncountyfl.com	Member
LIVE OAK ANIMAL SERVICES	101 White Ave, SE, Live Oak, FL 32064		Member
SUWANNEE COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER	11150 144th St., McAlpin, FL 32064		Member
SUWANNEE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY	1156 SE Bisbee Loop, Madison, FL 32340	suwanneevalley@embarqmail.com	Member
4 PETS SAKE, Inc.	PO Box 1014, Bell, FL 32619		Member

Problem statement:

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.): North Central Florida rural counties including all or portions of Baker, Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Union counties.

Total human population in target area: 200000 (information available at www.census.gov)

Percent of residents living below poverty in target area: 18 (www.census.gov)

Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3): 60606

Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0): 50000

Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0): 33333

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

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

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

There is only one open admission shelter in our area, Lake City Animal Shelter in Columbia County, which admits approximately 10,000 dogs and cats annually. There are smaller shelters in Baker, Madison and Suwannee Counties but they cannot handle the number of unwanted pets. There are no shelters in Hamilton, Lafayette, or Union Counties. Because of the paucity of shelters, we can make an educated guess that there are many more unwanted dogs and cats (owned, stray, and feral) than the nationwide average.

Describe the specific target animal population of the spay/neuter project proposed for this grant:

Pets in low-income families: What qualifications will you use to determine low-income status? For reduced rates, applicants must have met poverty guidelines by qualifying for Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, or Florida Free Lunch Program.

Special populations (e.g., pit bulls, underserved regions, unique events):

Feral cat sterilization

Other:

Objectives:

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

Increase the projected number of SPAY surgeries by 30% per year from 2,000 to 2,600, targeted to the low-income pet owners who cannot afford our already low rates. After subsidy, the cost of Cat spay will be \$25 (from \$45). Dog spay will be reduced by \$30 (from regular rates of \$55 up to 50 pounds, \$65 if 51-80 pounds, \$75 if 81-99 pounds, \$95 if 100 pounds or over).

How does this program increase the number of sterilization surgeries above the existing baseline?

At an average savings of \$25, we can expand to a new and more needy group of pet owners. Most of these dogs and cats live outside, so adding 600 more spay surgeries in a year from this group will immediately prevent the females from producing multiple unwanted litters.

Methods:

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

Applicants for the subsidized program must provide proof that they receive Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, or Florida Free Lunch Program.

How will you advertise the program? Explain how the advertising will reach the target audience. Attach promotion materials if available.

We will send a Press Release announcing the subsidy from the grant to the newspapers and radio stations in the area which have been supportive of our clinic . The information will be added to our website, flyer, and media advertisements. We distribute thousands of flyers throughout our service area to businesses, public facilities such as libraries, schools, community organizations, etc., which post and hand them out.

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

We are finalizing a spanish version of our flyer because of the large hispanic community in our service area. We are starting a TRANSPORT pick-up and delivery site in Fort White in South Columbia County every Monday beginning April 7th. When this is running smoothly, we will use this as a model to expand to other locations in the 7-county service area.

Does this project involve the transportation of animals by someone other than the client? If so, describe the vehicles, methods for confinement, personnel training, liability releases used to assure the safety of the animals and handlers.

Katie and Doug Rooney, officers of North Florida PAWS, will drive their E350 Heavy Duty Ford Van to the pick-up and delivery site. The van will have sufficient crates for all dogs scheduled for transport. Cats are required to be in individual carriers. All crates and carriers will be adequately secured in a climate-controlled van. The Rooney's and North Florida PAWS carry automobile and general liability insurance. The application for services has been amended for transport clients to include an additional liability release statement.

Veterinary Services:

What arrangements have you made with veterinarians to perform the surgeries?

Alba de Sosa-Rengel, DVM works as a full-time contract veterinarian for North Florida PAWS, Inc.

Please attach a collaboration letter from the lead veterinarian, practice, or association that will provide spay/neuter services. The letter should include a statement describing the fee schedule to be followed and whether the veterinarian(s) are on your staff, on contract, in a spay/neuter clinic, or in private practice. Please list all of the participating veterinarians or veterinary practices below, including address, phone number, and premise permit number (available at www.myfloridalicense.com).

Name	Address	Phone
Alba de Sosa-Rengel, VM8837_____	940 Oak Street, Jennings, FL 32053_	386-938-4092

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

	Amount Paid by Client	Amount Paid by Project	Total Amount
Range for Male Cats	\$ 0	\$	\$
Range for Female Cats	\$ 25	\$ 20	\$ 45
Range for Male Dogs	\$	\$	\$
Range for Female Dogs	\$ 25	\$ 30	\$ 55

Please check each item below to indicate whether additional services are required at the time of surgery and whether the client is required to pay for them.

	Included in Cost	Not Offered	Optional	Required	Amt. Paid by Client
Examination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Vaccination	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$ 6
Pain Medication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Parasite Medication	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 10
Testing	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 20
Licensing	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Ear tipping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$

If necessary, please explain the procedures and fees described above:

Rabies vaccination is the only mandatory requirement for which we charge \$6.00. To date, 85% of our clients' pets did not have current vaccination. A take-home prescription of Rimadyl is included with the price of dogs' surgery. Physical examination is a hands-on evaluation of the pet and does not include laboratory or other diagnostic tests. Licensing is not required in any of the counties we serve. We tip ears of feral cats as requested. Other tests, vaccinations, and preventive care medications are available at a low cost per attached price list. We only charge for services provided, i.e., no charge for office visit, disposal fee, etc.

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.

Budget:

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected: cats 300 dogs 300

Total budget requested: \$ 15000 Average cost/surgery projected: \$ 25

Budget should not exceed \$20,000.

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

The charges for surgery are set at cost. The grant will cover the reductions for low-income pet owners.

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. Funding for accepted projects will be available after August 1, 2008.

Projected start date: 08/15/08 Projected end date: 08/14/09 (MM/DD/YY)

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.

Targeted fund-raising projects and special events during the year will be used to continue subsidizing low-income pet owners. These include our "Adopt a SNiP Puppy" fundraiser where stuffed puppies are adopted for \$2.00 donation. Special Events are currently being planned, e.g., a Charity Poker Tournament and Silent Auction.

Evaluation:

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

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.

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, state and national ordinances and laws.

Application submitted by:

Signed: _____ Date: 03/31/08 (MM/DD/YY)

Name: Katie Rooney Title: President and Clinic Director

CHECKLIST OF ATTACHMENTS AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Organize the completed applications in the following order and complete checklist.

	Nonprofit Agencies	Municipal Agencies
1	Grant application	Grant application
2	Checklist	Checklist
3	Veterinary collaboration letter(s)	Veterinary collaboration letter(s)
4	Current fiscal year agency budget	Current fiscal year agency budget
5	Roster of board of directors	Letter of support from director
6	IRS 501(c)3 determination letter	Media coverage, brochures, PSAs, etc.
7	FL DOACS registration certificate	
8	IRS 990 or 990 EZ	
9	Media coverage, brochures, PSAs, etc.	

For all applicants:

- Completed grant application (hard copies and electronic copy)
- Veterinary collaboration letter for spay/neuter services
- Copies of newsletters, media clippings, public service announcements, brochures, etc. that pertain to the applicant's spay/neuter program (hard copies only, no videos, DVDs, etc).

For private nonprofit agencies:

- Current fiscal year agency budget
- Roster of applicant's board of directors, including address, phone number, email address, occupation and whether board members are compensated for their positions.
- IRS Tax Exempt #59-3630469 (attach determination letter)
- FL Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Registration # CH-11248 (attach)
- Most recent IRS Form 990 (pages 1-4 & signature page) or 990EZ (page 1-2 & signature page).

For city, county, or tribal entities:

- For city and county governments, attach current fiscal year agency budget, the line item that the funds would be deposited into, a letter from the director of the city or county animal care and control agency on city or county letterhead clearly indicating support for the application of the grant proposal.
- For tribal entities, attach a letter signed from the Tribal Authority of the local Tribal Health Department.

Applications must be received by the due date of **April 1, 2008** to be considered in the current cycle. Applications received after the due date and incomplete applications will be returned without review. It is advisable to use a carrier that offers a guaranteed delivery date. Completed applications, including the grant application form, required supporting documents, and other attachments must be submitted together as a complete packet. Please submit 1 original and 4 identical hard copies of the application and all attachments for review. Each copy should be stapled or compiled with a binder clip. Do not use binders, folders, or other display materials for the applications. Please also email 1 copy of the application (signatures and attachments not required) to the address below.

Send 1 original and 4 hard copies of application or grant submission inquiries to: Florida Animal Friend, Inc., c/o Lois Kostroski, 13153 North Dale Mabry, Suite 105, Tampa, FL 33618, 866-303-3222, info@floridanimalfriend.org.

Send 1 electronic copy or content inquiries to: Julie Levy, levyj@vetmed.ufl.edu, (352) 392-2226 ext 5717