

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: Spay Pasco, Inc.

Person Submitting Proposal: Diana Mattox Title: Pres

Organization Address: P.O. Box 237

City, State, Zip Code: San Antonio, Florida 33576

Website Address: spaypasco.com

Phone number: 1.877.nowspay (877)669-7729 Fax Number: 352 588.3657

Cell Number: 352.585.6205 Email Address: spaypasco@yahoo.com

Dates of Last Complete Fiscal Year: 6/18/07 to 12/31/07 (MM/DD/YY)

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$8330.89

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$7887.45

Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable): N/A

Number of Paid Employees: Full-time: 0 Part-time:

Number of Active Volunteers: 10 Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 40

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
- 10 cats and dogs were sterilized
- cats and dogs were euthanized

Describe your animal programs:

1. Feral Cat Fridays-TNR program for feral cats, cost \$25, traps available and individuals available to assist with trapping. 2. Low cost spay/neuter for owned dogs/cats (includes rabies vaccination and county license) available through network of participating veterinary hospitals. Currently, qualified (low income) individuals would pay \$30 per cat or \$60 per dog. Once we secure funding we would reduce the cost for cats to \$10 and dogs to \$20

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:

Dr. Diana Mattox, president of the Board of Directors and founder of Spay Pasco, has owned and operated a full service veterinary hospital in East Pasco County for the past 11 years and was instrumental in getting the County animal shelter to scan for microchips. An assistant county administrator was successful in blocking this effort pursued by other individuals for 9 years. She is approaching the pet overpopulation problem in Pasco County with the same determination. The Board of Spay Pasco is small and has a singular focus. Our board members and volunteers have ties to the community and are very well respected. Two of our core volunteers have spayed/neutered over 250 feral cats in our area since 2001. In the last few weeks as we began promoting our organization we have received overwhelming support from pet owners, community leaders, other animal organizations and our county commissioners. Our organization will target the three populations of animals that contribute the highest number of animals to shelters. Feral cats, pets owned by individuals that cannot afford spay/neuter surgeries and pets owned by irresponsible individuals. How we will target those populations: 1. Feral Cat Fridays-we use a mobile hospital and volunteer veterinarians for up to 20 spay/neuter surgeries a week. If our demand increases the mobile facilities are available for an additional day. 2. Network of veterinary hospitals will provide low cost s/n for owned pets of the low income 3. We have already started the discussion with county commissioners for ordinance changes that may include mandatory spay/neuter guidelines.

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

Pasco County is a large county in the shape of a rectangle. We are currently focusing on East Pasco County. Spay and neuter services are available through traditional veterinary hospitals at standard rates. Pasco County has only one low cost spay/neuter clinic which is located on the West side of the county. For an individual living on the East side of the county it would take 45 minutes to 1 hour to reach that clinic. Pasco County does not have any organized feral cat programs. The County does offer a sterilization rebate of \$40 for dogs, but owners must purchase a \$20 County License and have a current rabies vaccination to be eligible for the rebate.

Limiting factors include distance, ability of one clinic to handle the volume for the whole county, and finances (pet owners have to spend \$30-\$35 for a license and rabies vaccination, then pay for a spay/neuter surgery to qualify for a \$40 rebate).

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.

We are literally just getting started. Spay Pasco's TNR program was started in December 2007, although our 501C3 application was not approved until February 2008. We have done 44 cats to date, most in the last couple of months. We receive no funding from the county or city (yet). We request \$25 per cat for the TNR program and rely on private donations for all other costs at this time. This is our first grant application.

The framework for Spay Pasco's low cost spay/neuter program for owned dogs and cats of low income families is complete. Our goal was to recruit 10 participating hospitals in East Pasco County and we have six hospitals that have made that commitment and four that are still considering. Two hospital owners we spoke with said they considered trying to start a similar program, and were very interested in helping in any way they could. Over the last couple of weeks we have been actively networking with local groups (chamber of commerce, rotary etc.) and have received an overwhelming amount of support.

GRANT PROPOSAL DETAILS

Title of Proposal: Spay/Neuter Fund for Low Income Pet Owners

Total Amount of Funding Requested: \$ 20,000 Check payable to: Spay Pasco, 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

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.): Pasco County, FL

Total human population in target area: 423000 (information available at www.census.gov)

Percent of residents living below poverty in target area: 46530 (www.census.gov)

Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3): 128181

Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0): 105750

Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0): 70500

Number of cats 6785 and dogs 6140 admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)

Number of cats 4978 and dogs 3241 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.

The numbers provided above are only from the county shelter, the SPCA of West Pasco is a no kill facility and they report approximately 1500 dogs and cats going in and out of their shelter in the last year, with only a small percent euthanized. They were not able to break down the numbers into dogs vs cats, but thought it was roughly 50%.

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? Eligibility will be established based on pet owner participation in government assistance programs such as Medicaid, food stamps, WIC, SSI or income level that is 80% or less than the median income for county residents.

Special populations (e.g., pit bulls, underserved regions, unique events): Pasco County has a large Hispanic / migrant worker population. Spay Pasco will bring awareness of the benefits of spaying and neutering to this community as well as the ability to provide the low cost surgeries on site in a mobile clinic (use donated by San Antonio Animal Hospital). In addition, the poverty rate for the East side of the County is as high as 29% in some areas.

Feral cat sterilization

Other:

Objectives:

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

The funding received through this grant will allow us to establish a co-pay amount of only \$10 for cats and \$20 for dogs. With sterilization so affordable for low income pet owners, our goal would be to spay / neuter at least 60 pets a month through our participating Pasco County Veterinary Alliance. We have six local veterinary hospitals that have committed to 10 surgeries a month and four additional hospitals that are considering participating.

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

Cost, access to services and ignorance are the largest contributing factors for families not having their pets spayed or neutered. Small copays will allow more families to afford the surgery, the ability to provide this service at veterinary hospitals close to home instead of traveling long distances to low cost clinics will alleviate some travel issues and aggressive educational efforts will help pet owners understand the benefits for themselves and their pets.

Methods:

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

Pet owner's eligibility will be determined by his or her participation in government assistance programs such as Medicaid, food stamps or WIC and income level. Pet owners will also need to provide proof of residency.

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

We will advertise our low cost spay / neuter program through websites, flyers, community newspapers, door hangers, press releases, on utility bills, at community meetings, churches, through community leaders, networking with other organizations that assist the low income, information booths at local events, veterinary offices, groomers, boarding kennels, volunteer network and word of mouth.

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

We are recruiting volunteers that can assist with transportation in addition to having numerous participating veterinary hospitals that eliminate the need to travel more than a few miles. In certain neighborhoods if they have a large number of potential surgical candidates we will bring our mobile unit on site. Spay Pasco will build alliances with community leaders and other non profit groups (Boys and Girls Clubs etc.) already in place in these communities, and recruit bi-lingual volunteers. Based on research, we know that the African American community is accessible through their churches and the hispanic population through education of mothers that spaying and neutering decreases the risk of dog bites for their children.

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.

currently n/a

Veterinary Services:

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

Spay Pasco has asked participating hospitals to commit to 10 low cost spay/neuter surgeries per month. Each procedure includes a pre-anesthetic exam, rabies vaccination, s/n surgery and county license (dogs). The veterinarians are free to make additional recommendations as needed to pet owners, but cannot require additional services.

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
<u>San Antonio Animal Hospital</u>	<u>32347 SR 52, San Antonio, FL 33576</u>	<u>352.588.2132</u>

VE3273

<u>Dade City Animal Clinic</u>	<u>13117 US Hwy 301, Dade City FL 33525</u>	<u>352.567.2669</u>
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VE2549

<u>Zephyrhills Veterinary Clinic</u>	<u>5655 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills FL</u>	<u>813.782.3830</u>
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VE3148

<u>Pasco Animal ER</u>	<u>13117 US Hwy 301, Dade City FL 33525</u>	<u>352.567.3382</u>
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VE3653

<u>Quail Hollow Animal Hospital</u>	<u>5740 Wesley Brook Dr, Wesley Chapel FL</u>	<u>813.973.3010</u>
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VE2210

<u>Wesley Chapel Veterinary Services</u>	<u>30535 State Rd 54, Wesley Chapel FL</u>	<u>813.973.3951</u>
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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	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 30
Range for Female Cats	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 30
Range for Male Dogs	\$ 20	\$ 40	\$ 60
Range for Female Dogs	\$ 20	\$ 40	\$ 60

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Pain Medication	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Testing	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Licensing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Ear tipping	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$

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

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

This is not a traditional voucher program. Spay Pasco staff will pre-approve pet owners and make copies of supporting documents, collect copay, schedule the surgery appointment at the appropriate clinic and provide pet owner with a certificate to give to participating hospital on the day of surgery. Once the spay/neuter surgery is complete the veterinarian will sign the certificate and fax or mail them to Spay Pasco. Veterinarians will be reimbursed monthly. Since the surgeries will be prepaid pet owners will have more of an incentive to keep their appointments.

Other Information:

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

We are a new organization and this is our first grant application. The need in our county (especially the East side) for a spay/neuter program that is not only affordable, but accessible for low income pet owners is great. Spay Pasco did not reinvent the wheel, we have researched our target audience and know the obstacles that we face and are optimistic, but realistic as well. Our owned pet program is modeled after the SpayJax program in Jacksonville. Euthanizing close to 10,000 dogs and cats in Pasco County every year is not acceptable and we plan to change that. Our volunteers are talented and dedicated. We will also continue Feral Cat Fridays.

Budget:

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected: cats 500 dogs 250

Total budget requested: \$ 20000 Average cost/surgery projected: \$ 26

Budget should not exceed \$20,000.

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

\$5 per animal of the owners copay will defray office expenses and \$5 of dog owners copay will purchase the County License.

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: 8/1/08 Projected end date: 7/1/09 (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.

Ultimately we hope to secure county or city funds. In the coming months we have been asked by a county commissioner to submit a plan to the Board of County Commissioners that will include the suggestion of using the current county funds allocated for the spay/neuter rebate incentive program as a s/n subsidy for the low income. We will also suggest a slight fee increase of \$1-\$2 to the \$5 altered county license for dogs. Spay Pasco will continue to work on soliciting private donations, planning fundraising events, including the 4th Annual Paws in the Park event and pursuing other grant opportunities

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.

Press release, newspaper articles, describe Spay Pasco funding sources at all educational seminars and lectures, include on brochures and all paperwork related to the low cost program, website, announce at fund raising events. Anywhere and everywhere we can think of.

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: 03/27/08 (MM/DD/YY)

Name: Diana Mattox Title: Pres

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 # (attach determination letter)
- FL Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Registration # CH- (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