

Grant ID: 53

Title of Proposal: Spay/Neuter, Central Florida Ferals

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$20,000.00

Check Payable To: C.A.T.S.-C.A.N., Inc

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: C.A.T.S.-C.A.N.	Website Address: www.cats-can.org
Person Submitting Proposal: Audrey Posocco	Position: Volunteer
Organization Business Address: PO Box 622543	City: Oviedo
State: FL	Zip: 32762
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Agency Details

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/08/09 **End:** 12/08/09

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$91,335.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$99,512.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0

Number of Active Volunteers: 40

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 205.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? We have previously applied for and received funding from Florida Animal Friend

Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable): 2007

Describe your agency:

Services Provided

- Unlimited Intake Shelter
- Limited Intake Shelter
- Foster Network
- Animal Control
- Spay/Neuter Services
- Other

Organization Structure:

- City, county, or tribal agency
- Private nonprofit agency
- Other

List your current board of directors:

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation	Email
Debbie Quisenberry	Board Member	407-484-1772	Volunteer	qkats@embarqmail.com
Jenny Musser	Board Member	407-496-3195	CPA	jennym@mussercpa.net
Lillian Feuvrel-Payne	Board Member	407-905-0339	Legal Asst.	
Phyllis Ayob	President	407-920-4894	Shelter Manager	spaynsave@aol.com

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

230 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

190 cats and 0 dogs were adopted.

3 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

871 cats and 0 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

C.A.T.S.-C.A.N. operates both a shelter for cats and provides spay/neuter services through a mobile veterinarian and partner veterinarians in Central Florida. We have also partnered with PetSmart and adopt out sterilized cats through three stores LuvPet programs in store.

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

Yes

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

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

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.

We feel that we have the ability to carry out this program through a committed group of volunteers and partner veterinarians. We successfully operate bi-monthly weekend clinics that assist in providing low-cost sterilization in our area.

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 do currently have a program for sterilization of cats, including ferals. We are able to offer this as low cost because of the rates we have contracted with our partner veterinarians but we'd like to be able to offer even further reduced cost or no-cost surgeries for feral cats in the area. Additional grant funding would allow us to offer this.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, etc.):	Seminole County Florida
Total human population in target area:	409,509
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	36,822
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	124094
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	102378
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	68252
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	6160

Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	3699
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	4583
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	881
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.	
I believe this target population to be fairly accurate	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:	
We are only able to speak about cats and believe the largest overpopulation issues to be feral cats as the county currently has no program in place other than trap/kill. In addition, the lack of low-cost spay neuter services hinders others from spaying and neutering. These are the issues we hope to help.	
What kinds of spay/neuter services are currently available in the target area and in what ways are these resources currently insufficient to meet community needs?	
Aside from traditional private veterinary care the only alternative option would be to utilize the SPCA of Central Florida. There is currently a wait list of approximately 3-4 months for a spay or neuter and the SPCA does not service Feral's. There are no other services available in Seminole County. This past October, the county eliminated the voucher program in place which provided a rebate for providing proof of spay/neuter. Instead, they elected to offer a no-cost spay/neuter service to residents in one target area. This program has been unsuccessful thus far, as they have only sterilized 5 animals in a 4 month period. They are working to see if they can instead offer no cost sterilization to low income residents, but nothing has been finalized as of yet.	
Florida Animal Friend is highly supportive of proposals that are focused on animal populations that are identified as substantial sources of dog or cat overpopulation rather than being diluted over too broad of a geographic area or diverse animal populations. Describe the specific target animal population of the spay/neuter project proposed for this grant:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pets in low-income families <input type="checkbox"/> Especially difficult or unique animal overpopulation sources <input type="checkbox"/> Pit bull dogs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feral cats <input type="checkbox"/> Special spay/neuter event <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Objectives

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

Our organization is able to care for and adopt out socialized cats but we do not have funding to offer no cost or very low cost spay/neuter services for feral cats. Because of the great need in our area, we would hope to obtain funding to be able to do so in Seminole County. Through partnerships with our local animal control services, we have come to know many feral cat caretakers and the need is tremendous to be able to offer this service in our community.

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

Our organization currently sterilizes approximately 870 cats per year through low cost pricing we have negotiated with our partner veterinarian. At a low cost rate of \$60.00 per surgery, we are able to sterilize many animals that would otherwise not be fixed. This cost, while reduced is still high for feral cat caregivers trying to sterilize a colony. With the additional funding, we'd anticipate we'd see more complete colonies fixed and we'd be able to increase the number of cats sterilized by 400, dramatically increasing the numbers of animals we can assist.

Methods

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

This program would be offered strictly to feral cat caregivers. Cats must arrive in a trap and an ear tip will be included in the sterilization procedure.

How will you advertise the program? Explain how the advertising will reach the target audience.

We currently network through a feral cat meet up group, a facebook page, word of mouth and through our adoption network.

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

The group of individuals in our network are diverse and able to reach various cultural groups within our community. In addition, we have individuals willing to trap and transport. We also utilize posters, flyers and handouts in Spanish.

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.

Generally speaking the caregiver would be responsible for the trapping and transportation of the cat(s). In some instances, if the caregiver was unable to transport, one of our volunteers would do so.

Veterinary Services

Objectives

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

We currently work with several veterinarians in our area. The lead veterinarian operates out of a mobile clinic and is able to contract additional dates as needed. He is well versed in the sterilization of ferals. In addition, our other partner vets are also able to offer appointments on a weekly basis.

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
All Creatures Animal Hospital	5745 W. Pershing Avenue	Orlando	FL	32822	407-277-6027	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seminole Trail Animal Hospital	383 Vistawilla Drive	Winter Springs	FL	32708	407-366-4486	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasure Coast Vet	1849 SW Crane Creek Avenue	Palm City	FL	34990	772-383-0235	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Fee Range

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	<input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>

Please check each item below to indicate additional services offered at the time of surgery, whether the client is required to pay for them, and if so what the fee is. For example, if an examination is required for surgery but is not charged to the client it would be marked:

Required Yes, Fee to client No

	Required, Optional, or Not Offered			Fee to Client?	
Examination	<input type="radio"/> Required	<input type="radio"/> Optional	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
Rabbies Vaccination if Due	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required	<input type="radio"/> Optional	<input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$5.00"/>
Other Vaccination if Due	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required	<input type="radio"/> Optional	<input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$5.00"/>
Pain Medication	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required	<input type="radio"/> Optional	<input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
Parasite Medication	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required	<input type="radio"/> Optional	<input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional	<input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
Licensing	<input type="radio"/> Required	<input type="radio"/> Optional	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
Ear tipping	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required	<input type="radio"/> Optional	<input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes
Other	<input type="radio"/> Required	<input type="radio"/> Optional	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes

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

The sterilization surgery includes: ear tip, pain medication, rabies and distemper vaccination and revolution treatment. The total cost for the surgery is \$60.00

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

No, this is not a voucher program.

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 well trained, well organized group committed to reducing the feral cat population and euthanizations in central Florida.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 400 Dogs: 0

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$20,000.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$50.00

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

The only additional expenses would be the cost of vaccinations. These costs would be paid by the caregiver.

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, 2009.

Projected start date: 08/01/09/ Projected end date: 07/30/10

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.

C.A.T.S.-C.A.N. is currently working on various fundraising activities to continue toward our mission in being able to open a stand alone, low cost facility to offer sterilizations in our area.

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.

We currently promote the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License plate in several ways. Information is listed on our website, we provide handouts with all adoptions and most all of our volunteers currently have the Spay/Neuter plate on their vehicles. We would continue to do this along with adding to our newsletters and press releases.