

Grant ID: 51

**Title of Proposal:** S.T.O.P

**Agency Type:** Non-Profit

**Total Funding Requested:** \$20,000.00

**Check Payable To:** Suwannee Valley Humane Society

## Application Information

### Demographics

<b>Name of Applicant Agency:</b> Suwannee Valley Humane Society	<b>Website Address:</b> www.geocities.com/suwanneehs
<b>Person Submitting Proposal:</b> Lexie Soles	<b>Position:</b> vice-president
<b>Organization Business Address:</b> 1156 SE Bisbee Loop	<b>City:</b> Madison
<b>State:</b> Florida	<b>Zip:</b> 32340
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### Agency Details

**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/08 **End:** 12/31/08

**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$84,979.00

**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$77,805.00

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

**Number of Active Volunteers:** 28

**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 560.00

**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** sent to our e-mail

**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):** 0

#### 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:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Email</b>
Barbara Tippie	Shelter & Animal Advisor	386-855-0370	Waitress	suwanneevalley@embarqmail.com
Betty Murphy	Corresponding Secretary	386-362-1051	Retired	suwanneevalley@embarqmail.com
Joann Timmerman	Treasurer	386-330-6305	Retired	suwanneevalley@embarqmail.com
Lexie Soles	vice- president	386-776-2328	Retired	dsoles@windstream.net
Marge Hutchinson	Secretary	850-973-4810	Retired	hutchinsonmarge@yahoo.com
Robert Gale	President	866-236-7812	Retired	suwanneevalley@embarqmail.com

**Applicant Qualifications**

**For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:**

74 cats and 120 dogs were admitted.

76 cats and 115 dogs were adopted.

0 cats and 16 dogs were euthanized.

74 cats and 120 dogs were sterilized.

**Briefly describe your animal programs:**

Purina 'Pets for Seniors' 'Diamonds in the Ruff' - any animal that has been the shelter over 9 months the adoption fee is lower.

**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?**

**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.**

DJ&T Grant out of California 2002-2005, Petco Grant for Spay and Neuter for low-income families 2007, \$10.00 vouchers given for proof of s/n for animals within 30 days of surgery (Suwannee Valley Humane Society funding) Barbara Tippie-shelter advisor-8 years working in the shelter, animals, personnel, over seeing paperwork, and computer programs. Lexie Soles- Vice-President-9 years as vice president, volunteered with Humane Societies for over 25 years, plant manager in Wisconsin for 5 years. Marge Hutchinson-Secretary-3 1/2 years has work at shelter reception desk and owned her own business in Maine.

**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 spay or neuter all animals before they are adopted. We want to help the general public spay or neuter their animals, especially during these troubled times.

**Target Population**

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, etc.):</b>	Madison county, Hamilton county, Lafayette county, Suwannee county
<b>Total human population in target area:</b>	50,085
<b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>	23%
<b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>	15178
<b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>	12522
<b>Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>	8348

<b>Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	unknown
<b>Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	unknown
<b>Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	unknown
<b>Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	unknown
<b>Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.</b>	
The rural counties we serve have poverty levels which fall below the national average. Because of the economical change even less people are able to spay or neuter their animals without assistance.	
<b>Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:</b>	
The increasing cost of spay or neutering, low education level of the rural residents. Many pet owners have big hearts but small pocketbooks.	
<b>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?</b>	
Except for North Florida PAWS there are no other programs in our service area. Veterinary clinics at this time have no programs to help defer the cost.	
<b>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:</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pets in low-income families</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Especially difficult or unique animal overpopulation sources</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pit bull dogs</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Feral cats</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Special spay/neuter event</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>	

## Objectives

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

We are located in northern rural Florida. There are people with big hearts but not a lot of common sense and there are many people below poverty level. With economic downturn we have added a new dimension to the animal problem. We want to spay or neuter owned pets and help people who bring in strays who will keep them if we help with spay/neuter.

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

It affords the people in our targeted area the ability to spay or neuter owned animals.

## Methods

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

Any person in the target area that calls or comes to the shelter will receive help.

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

Press releases to local newspaper and local radio stations. The information will be added to web-site, newsletter and flyers will be distributed to businesses, public facilities and community organizations. We will also publish in Spanish.

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

We will translate flyers into Spanish. We are working with low-cost clinic to help provide transportation.

**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.**

Clinic has a e350 heavy duty Ford van that they use for transports.

**Veterinary Services**

**Objectives**

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

North Florida Paws, INC. - Low cost clinic is the lead veterinary clinic. Mayo Town and County Animal Hospital as a backup.

**Veterinary Practices**

**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	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
Range for Female Cats	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$55.00

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?
<b>Examination</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Rabbies Vaccination if Due</b>	<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="\$8.00"/>
<b>Other Vaccination if Due</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Pain Medication</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Parasite Medication</b>	<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"/>
<b>Testing</b>	<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="\$25.00"/>
<b>Licensing</b>	<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  Required  Optional  Not Available

No  Yes

Other  Required  Optional  Not Available

No  Yes

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

Rabies vaccinations are Mandatory in the state of Florida. If client chooses there are other services provided.

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

yes. Vouchers will have a 90 days expiration date.

## Other Information

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

We operate a shelter in the middle of the target area that houses 75 animals. We receive many calls from people that have rescued a stray or homeless animal but can not afford the additional expense of spay or neutering. When we have no space available, some would keep the animal if spay or neuter was affordable. Many people want to spay or neuter the animal but are unable because of the economic times we are all facing. We know from the telephone calls and 'e' mails that we can be a service to the animals and the communities.

## Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

Cats: 400 Dogs: 400

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

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$25.00

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

We have no administration cost since we are all volunteers. Advertising and flyers will be paid for by the Suwannee Valley Humane Society, Inc. Transport will be paid by one of our donors if needed.

## 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:** 08/15/09/ **Projected end date:** 08/14/10

## 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.**

We have several fundraisers during the year that we will dedicate to public assistance for spay/neutering. We have thrift stores on the premises that we will dedicate 25% of the income to spay/neutering assistance program.

## 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 will encourage our volunteers and members to purchase the license plate. We will put it on our website, we use our newsletter and the articles that we write for the local newspapers. We will make a poster for fundraiser events we attend.