

Grant ID: 139

Title of Proposal: FAF 2010
Agency Type: Non-Profit
Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00
Check Payable To: Cat Depot Inc

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Cat Depot Inc	Website Address: www.catdepot.org
Person Submitting Proposal: Marilyn Warner	Position: Adoption Center Manager
Organization Business Address: 2542 17th St	City: Sarasota
State: Fl	Zip: 34234
Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 941-366-2404	Fax: 941-366-2407
Cell: 941-504-2426	Email Address: info@catdepot.org

Agency Details

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 07/01/08 **End:** 06/30/09

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$484,268.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$478,606.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 6 Part Time: 4

Number of Active Volunteers: 25

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 100.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? We were recipient's in 2008

Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable): 2008

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
Ken Slavin	President	941-504-6820	Retired	info@catdepot.org
Linda Slavin	VP	941-387-0553	Unemployed	lindas@catdepot.org
Mike Siegel	Secretary	941-365-0550	Attorney	msiegel@lpspa.com

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

498 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

435 cats and 0 dogs were adopted.

6 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

425 cats and 0 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

Cat Depot is an adoption center and admits homeless adoptable cats and kittens from Sarasota and Manatee Counties that include local rescue groups and individuals. We socialize feral kittens and timid cats, repair broken bones and find homes for cats that may otherwise be euthanized. Our programs are growing to include feline care and education for children to adults, adoption training, trapping, bottle feeding and cat socialization programs.

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.

We assist in community TNR, helping other organizations and individuals. Cat Depot furnishes traps and teaches individuals how to properly use them. Our veterinarian has worked with Cat Depot for six years, and we work with additional area veterinarians who support our work by providing low cost spay/neuter services. Marilyn Warner, adoption center manager was in charge of the grant/program in 2008 and successfully altered 300 cats (our goal) within six months. Ms Warner, who participates with other agency TNR programs is prepared, along with our staff that includes two vet techs and our veterinarians and volunteers to realize our goals if we are the recipients of this grant.

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 currently spay and neuter all cats who enter our adoption center. The funds are collected through donations. We exhausted the FAF grant funds in 2008, but continued our efforts on a much smaller scale through several small donations. This was done to help those in dire need.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, etc.):	Sarasota & Manatee Co
Total human population in target area:	687,826
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	10.2 both counties combined
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	208433
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	171957
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	114638

Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	unknown
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	unknown
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	unknown
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	unknown
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. N/A	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Cats: Community free-roaming cats who are wandering around intact, having litter after litter is the most substantial source of cat overpopulation. Owners who are not taking responsibility to have their cats altered while allowing them to roam is another. Dogs: Owned dogs who are not altered	
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? Manatee Co: Manatee Co Humane Society offers free spay/neuter services once a month for free roaming cats. They alter less than 100 cats. Sarasota Co: Animal Rescue Coalition (ARC) offers free spay/neuter services once a month for feral cats. They are currently 2-3 months out on an appointment which is insufficient to meet community needs. Sarasota Defense of Animals (SDA) if they have funding will provide free spay/neuter services once a month for less than 50 free roaming cats. Low income families do not fit into these programs.	
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)?

Cat Depot will spay/neuter 650 cats if awarded this grant. This would double our numbers from 2008 when we altered 300 cats. These numbers are above our normal intake figures. With our new 10,000 square foot facility and the dramatic increase in adoptions over the past 5 months our goal is to increase intake and adoptions by 300 cats.

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

Adding our past sterilization numbers and 650 additional spays/neuters, if the grant is awarded, would assist Cat Depot in exceeding well over 1,000 sterilizations this coming year. If we assume that each cat would have produced 5 kittens, we will have stopped the birth of 5,000 unwanted and homeless felines. This is a very conservative figure based on posted statistics.

Methods

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

Eligibility will be determined by a short questionnaire that will include name, address, location of cat(s) and phone number of the caller. Community /free roaming unowned cats will qualify the cat as eligible. The data gathered from the caller can be used to

identify populated areas of homeless/unowned cats and help target future colonies. Low income families will be determined by a questionnaire that was created for our last FAF grant. If the caller is receiving public assistance, federal or state, food stamps or other local low income programs ie: free school lunch program, they will be determined eligible.

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

As in the past we did a press release, and an announcement was placed on our website. We advertize in many local pet magazines and newspapers and will advertise the FAF grant program. We send out news updates, 15,000 newsletters three times a year, and post announcements on our highly visible sign in a heavily traveled area. We are guests on local radio and TV shows where we will spread the news and we will distribute flyers at off-site events. In addition, we will post flyers and information at local grocery stores, schools and churches in areas with low income housing.

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

Volunteers and staff are ready to transport cats as needed. We have a large Hispanic community in both counties and will have our information/flyers translated into Spanish. This will offer a great opportunity to take our cat education programs into schools. Simba, our education cat, is magnetic and we have bi-lingual teachers who have offered to assist us. We will also offer to speak at community centers to educate the public about the benefits of spaying and neutering family pets.

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.

All cats are required to be in a live humane trap. Cat Depot has a utility van we use to transport cats. We have many experienced trappers in both Sarasota and Manatee Counties who have been doing this for many years. We are also training new trappers to assist seasoned/trained trappers. We have been very successful trapping and not harming the animals. We try to trap the night before surgery so the animals are not confined longer than is necessary. Should individuals need help trapping or transporting a cat(s), Cat Depot will provide assistance. Cat Depot is covered with liability as well as volunteer insurance. All volunteers have signed a release when they originally signed to be a volunteer.

Veterinary Services

Objectives

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

Cat Depot has made arrangements with Veterinary Associates of Jacaranda, Venice Fl. Two of their veterinarians have agreed to work with Cat Depot, should we be awarded the grant. This hospital conducted the majority of sterilizations in 2008 and procedures were concluded as scheduled. Both experienced veterinarians are eager to work with us on accomplishing our goals. We also have a backup agreement with Manatee Co Humane Society, who has their own clinic. They have agreed to assist us for the same fee as Veterinary Associates of Jacaranda.

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Manatee Co Humane Society	2515 14 St W	Bradenton	Fl	34205	941-747-8808	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veterinary Associates of Jacaramda	1168 Jacaranda Blvd	Venice	Fl	34244	941-492-3080	<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	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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
Rabies Vaccination if Due	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other Vaccination if Due	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Pain Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Parasite Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
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:

Cat Depot will pay \$40. per cat regardless of sex. The rabies vaccine will be furnished and paid for by Cat Depot and kept at Veterinary Associates. They have agreed to do the injection at no cost if we furnish the vaccines.

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

No, Cat Depot will assign a number to each cat that is scheduled for sterilization. Cat Depot will fax a surgery sheet with daily appointments and will tally on each end to insure compliance and balance each day. Vet Associates will bill us monthly listing the cat number on the billing sheet.

Other Information

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

Cat Depot will maintain meticulous records of the cats that are processed. Each cat will be assigned a number and weekly reviews will be held to ensure we are accomplishing our goals. Spread sheets will be monitored to track money received and monies spent each month. Cat Depot will outline our goals and set dates, weekly and monthly for community outreach with advertisements, flyers, speaking engagements and off site events.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 625 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$40.00

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

The rabies vaccine, which is mandated, will be purchased separate by Cat Depot and be given at the time of surgery. These tanks of rabies vaccines will be labeled for use on Cat Depot FAF project and kept at the clinic. They have agreed to do the shots as a courtesy if we furnish the tanks as 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: 08/01/10/ **Projected end date:** 07/30/11

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.

Cat Depot initiated a membership program in 2010, which is growing weekly. We are reaching out to 5000 + new potential donors every four months through our newsletter, added face book to our website, and are revamping our website to add membership funds, Guardian Angel funds, and Gift Sponsorship funds. In addition, we have added 3 large fundraising events to our 2010 schedule as well as monthly "partnerships". These additions are all new to Cat Depot and necessary to reach our goal of doubling our efforts to save lives in 2010.

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 hang posters that are sent to us promoting the plate as well as promote it on our website and quarterly newsletters. We will add to our e-blasts, facebook and other electronic mailings to promote the FI Animal Friend Licence Plate. We will advertize that anyone who has a FI Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate will get a reduced adoption fee.