

Grant ID: 167

Title of Proposal: Pit Bull Spay Neuter
Agency Type: Non-Profit
Total Funding Requested: \$11,100.00
Check Payable To: Halifax Humane Society

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Halifax Humane Society	Website Address: halifaxhumanesociety.org
Person Submitting Proposal: Patti Thalheimer	Position: Development Director
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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: \$1,851,980.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$1,884,982.00

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 36 Part Time: 4

Number of Active Volunteers: 497

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 400.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Received an email from FAF

Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable): 2008, 2006

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
Beth Butera	4th Vice President	386-767-1390	Education	ebutera@volusia.k12.fl.us
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Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

8653 **cats and** 4445 **dogs were admitted.**

1269 **cats and** 1632 **dogs were adopted.**

6770 cats and 1595 dogs were euthanized.

2167 cats and 1842 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal programs:

Halifax Humane Society is an open door shelter that takes in approximately 14,000 animals each year through city and county contracts and the community at large. Our facility has the capacity to house approximately 350 animals per day and is equipped with a spay/neuter clinic. Veterinarians are hired on a contractual basis. Early spay/neuter surgeries are performed to ensure all adopted animals are sterilized before leaving our facility. In addition, we sell low cost spay/neuter certificates to the public and currently 14 veterinarians in our area accept them.

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?

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.

Halifax Humane Society has been serving the greater Daytona Beach area since 1937. We operate a spay/neuter clinic that functions Mon-Thurs with a veterinarian, certified veterinarian technician and an assistant. Not only are all our adopted animals sterilized before they leave our facility, but we offer low cost spay/neuter certificates to the general public as well. Our full-time adoption manager oversees the scheduling of adopted and certificates animals for surgery.

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?

Sterilization of adopted animals in our care is covered in the \$70 adoption fee. HHS is fortunate to have a membership base that pays dues each year and donates to the organization. HHS also hosts several fundraisers throughout the year to meet our general operating expenses. Should this grant be funded HHS will be able to reach out into the community and offer free spay/neuter

surgeries for pit bull and pit bull mix breed dogs. Many of these pet owners can not afford to take their dogs to private veterinarians or purchase our low cost certificates.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, etc.):	Volusia County, FL
Total human population in target area:	498,000
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	13%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	150910
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	124500
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	83000
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	8653 (HHS)
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	4445 (HHS)
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	6770 (HHS)
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	1595 (HHS)
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:	
n/a	
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?	
As stated all adopted animals are sterilized before leaving our facility. HHS offers low-cost spay/neuter certificates that can be used at our clinic or with participating veterinarians. These are resources are terrific but limited. We continue to see a significant amount of pit bull/pit bull mix dogs enter our shelter each year. We want to once again offer these services free of charge to area residents. There are 2 other humane societies in our area and a rescue facility that do not have the capability to perform surgery.	
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 type="checkbox"/> Pets in low-income families <input type="checkbox"/> Especially difficult or unique animal overpopulation sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pit bull dogs <input 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)?

We hope to continue to offer this program to our community. Although the number of animals coming into our shelter has dropped, we still have an average of 20-25% pit bull or pit bull mix breed. The two times we offered this program in the past 2006, 2008, we were filled to capacity with a waiting list. The need is definitely there.

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

Offering this program will bring pet owners that would not normally purchase a spay/neuter certificate. We estimate 144 dogs will have surgery and even then we will not be able to serve everyone.

Methods

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

Program is breed specific. Owners must show proof of residency and agree to examination and vaccinations if necessary.

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

The program will be posted on our web-site and our FaceBook page. An email blast will be sent to all contacts. Media will include HHS newsletter, area newspapers, PSAs on local television and radio stations. Flyers will be distributed in targeted or problem neighborhoods. Animal control officers will be asked to disseminate the information in their areas.

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

We do not anticipate any barriers. The majority of our population is English speaking. Literacy issues will be address through verbal advertisements on television and radio.

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.

No transportation of animals by other than by the client.

Veterinary Services

Objectives

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

Surgeries will be performed at our facility by contractual veterinarians.

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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$76.69	\$76.69
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$76.69	\$76.69

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

Examination Required Optional Not Available

Fee to Client?

No 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	\$10.00
Other Vaccination if Due	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	
Pain Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	\$5.00
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 type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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:

Examination is included in the surgery. If the dog needs a Rabies Vaccination we would charge \$10. Pain medicatio is optional and costs \$5.

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.

The program will be widely publicized to our community. The client will call into our shelter to make an appointment for their dog's surgery. There will be a total of 144 surgery spots on a first come, first serve basis. Clients will be asked if vaccinations are up to date, the age of the animal, gender, etc., and given pre-surgery instructions. HHS will schedule 12 animals per day. Clients will be called the day prior to surgery to confirm the appointment and reiterate the pre-surgery instructions. If a cancellation occurs, we will have a waiting list to fill the vacancy.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 0 Dogs: 144

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$11,100.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$77.00

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

Rabbies vaccinations and pain medicatios are not included.The client will be responsible for those costs.

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: 02/01/11/ **Projected end date:** 05/01/11

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.

HHS will make future funding a priority. Continuation of our low cost spay/neuter certificates is part of the Humane Society's annual budget. With increased education and public awareness, future funding for the delivery of these services will be attainable through special fundraising events, direct mail campaigns, corporate and private donations.

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 feature the Spay/Neuter License Plate on our website and with posters in our lobby. If awarded, we will promote the License Plate in press releases, flyers, PSAs, etc.