

Grant ID: 201

**Title of Proposal:** Free Spay/Neuter Project  
**Agency Type:** Non-Profit  
**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00  
**Check Payable To:** Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter Co. Inc

Application Information

Demographics

**Name of Applicant Agency:** Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter Co. Inc  
**Website Address:** www.hsspca.org  
**Person Submitting Proposal:** Mary Chiles  
**Position:** Secretary  
**Organization Business Address:** Box 67  
**City:** Lake Panasoffkee  
**State:** FL  
**Zip:** 33538  
**Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 352-793-9117  
**Fax:** 352-793-9119  
**Cell:**  
**Email Address:** info@hsspca.org

Agency Details

**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/10 **End:** 12/31/10  
**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$140,716.00  
**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$169,227.00  
**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0  
**Number of Active Volunteers:** 50  
**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 200.00  
**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Had previously filed in 2008 and 2009.  
**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):** 2009

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>
Anne Cunningham	Director	353-568-2416	retired	adare4@aol.com
Bill Gottschalk	Director	352-350-2405	retired	bill_gottschalk@comcast.net
Carole Legrand	Director	352-569-4520	Vet Tech	easystar101@yahoo.com
Chris Baker	Director	352-346-3329	Federal Govt-Corrections	crb1300@hotmail.com
Claudia Labbe	Chairman of the Board	352-817-3995	retired	campclaudia@atlantic.net
Pat Paulding	Director	352-330-2252	Retired	ppaulding@cfl.rr.com
Sheri Evans	Director	352-793-9117	Rancher	sumterdart@sum.net

**Applicant Qualifications**

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

**27 cats and 64 dogs were admitted.**

**5 cats and 28 dogs were adopted.**

**0 cats and 1 dogs were euthanized.**

**0 cats and 0 dogs were sterilized.**

**Briefly describe your animal programs:**

Rescues: take adoptable dogs and cats from county animal control and either transport them to larger no-kill shelters or place them in our foster network. Owner surrenders are also accepted into our fostering network. Adoptions: after dogs and cats have been spayed/neutered and received vaccinations and any needed medical treatment they are offered for adoption on our website and in local media. Kibbles on Wheels: dog and cat food is provided to owners who can no longer afford to feed their pets. Delivery is available in 2 areas of our county. This is done through food donations from the community, local pet food stores and big box stores. At the end of 2010 we were providing food for over 100 pets of over 65 people. More have been added in 2011. Free spay/neuter program: we provide vouchers to county residents who cannot afford to have their pets spayed/neutered. This has been done through grants since 2008. Currently we are limited by only having \$2500.00 available. Cruelty investigations: We have a certified and very active cruelty investigator who is in demand to assist local law enforcement. We assist nearby metro Tampa's no-kill shelters by taking in livestock, large fowl and unusual pets.

**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.**

Using previous grants, we have been able to provide a free spay/neuter service for low-income, senior and disabled residents and those in underserved areas of our county since early 2008. We have built a network of veterinary providers and volunteers (and junior volunteers) who are happy to continue this project with us. Our local townships and businesses are eager to provide us with venues to hold our all-day "Big Fix" spay/neuter events. We work with three veterinarians, two with mobile clinics. Sumter Logistic's Disaster Animal Rescue Team (DART) has provided us with the long-term use of their Humane Society of the United States-certified 40 foot trailer, outfitted as mobile kennel and surgery center that our third vet uses to set up his mobile operating table and anesthesia machine. DART also supplies volunteers to set up, power up and clean the trailer after each event. Leadership Sheri Evans Our cruelty investigator (CI) Sheri Evans is often called upon by our county's Animal Control Division to assist law enforcement with these issues. She is a long-time member, volunteer, member of the Board of Directors and a former Chairman of the Board. Sheri is also a member of Sumter Disaster Animal Response Team and served in Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. Claudia Labbe Claudia is a retired zookeeper—her specialty was bears. She is very experienced in safe animal handling procedures. Claudia is our organization's Public Relations and Fundraising Chairman and is the current Chairman of our Board of Directors. We also have the expertise at these events of several vet techs. Our lead vet for this project is Shannon Kennedy, DVM.

**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?**

Our current service is limited to the pets of people who apply for Kibbles on Wheels. The Kibbles rule is that ALL pets fed under the Kibbles program must be spayed/neutered. We provide a voucher to either the Cares Center or Buffalo Ridge Small Animal Hospital for free S/N service if this has not yet been done. We currently have only \$2500.00 from the Elinor Patterson Baker Foundation and a recent gift of \$1400.00 from PetCo to cover this. Based on a grant of \$25,000.00, we would expect to spay/neuter approximately 450 to 500 animals. This number will vary based on numbers of cats vs dogs, large vs small pets and complicated (cryptorchids, pregnancies, heats) vs straight-forward surgeries. A grant from FAF would allow us to hit the road with our trailer and the vets' mobile clinics and go directly into our rural communities with our service.

**Target Population**

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, etc.):</b>	Sumter County
<b>Total human population in target area:</b>	77,681
<b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>	14.9%
<b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>	23540
<b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>	19421
<b>Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>	12947
<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>	
We believe that our feral cat population is above average. They are breeding and living in the storm drains of our major urban area--The Villages--as well as rural areas of our county. Bully breeds are popular and organized dog-fighting exists in our county.	
<b>Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:</b>	
Lack of education about the benefits of spay/neutering. Lack of cash to pay vet bills. Feral cats. Casual feeding of feral cats. Cats abandoned by seasonal residents. Lack of attention to the issue by our county government and underfunding of our Animal Control Facility.	
<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>	
We have one non-profit low cost clinic in an area with a low income population greater than the national average. We also have a substantial retired and aged population in several retirement communities	
<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 type="checkbox"/> <b>Especially difficult or unique animal overpopulation sources</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pit bull dogs</b> <input checked="" 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)?**

This grant would allow us to resume our "Big Fix" spay/neuter campaign. These are one-day events where two vets with mobile clinics and a third vet using DART's 40 foot outfitted trailer can spay/neuter up to 60 dogs/cats in a day(our record so far).

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

This grant would allow us to promote our "Big Fix" campaigns in various areas of our county. Based on a grant of \$25,000.00, we would expect to spay/neuter approximately 450 to 500 animals. This number will vary based on numbers of cats vs dogs, large vs small pets and complicated (cryptorchids, pregnancies, heats) vs straight-forward surgeries. We currently can only afford to provide a free service to individuals applying to get on our free Kibbles on Wheels program.

## Methods

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

We determine eligibility by asking whether the pet owner is disabled, over 65, out-of-work and cannot afford to use the local low-cost non-profit Cares Center.

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

On our website. In the local media. Through community leader contacts. And especially through word of mouth. We have a waiting list and get frequent calls from residents needing this service.

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

We serve Spanish-speaking communities in the Center Hill area and have a native Spanish speaking volunteer who has pledged to help through one-on-one translation and by preparing Spanish language notices. Cultural barriers are overcome through word-of-mouth contacts within the community from satisfied folks who have used the service previously and recommend it to neighbors and family. Transportation is not an issue because we take vets and surgery centers into our underserved communities.

**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

## Veterinary Services

### Objectives

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

We have committments from veterinarians Shannon Kennedy, Rebecca Fratello and Angel Smith to provide surgical services at our "Big Fixes". Buffalo Ridge Small Animal Hospital provides s/n services with our vouchers, charging us the same as the non-profit low-cost Cares Center.

### Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Angela S Smith DVM, Healthy Pet The Mobile Vet	3661 NE 36th Ave Ste F	Ocala	FL	34479	352-470-9537	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Fratello, DVM House Calls Mobile Pet Clinic	4747 SW 60th Ave	Ocala	FL	34474	352-815-0404	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shannon Kennedy, DVM	10304 SE 172nd Ln	Summerfield	FL	34491	352-789-1970	<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	\$20.00	\$20.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$67.00	\$67.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$70.00

**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 checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Other Vaccination if Due</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Pain Medication</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>Parasite Medication</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Testing</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Licensing</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="\$5.00"/>
<b>Ear tipping</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Other</b>	<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 prices shown are based on those of the non-profit low-cost Cares Center. The other participating vet practices agree to this scale. Costs per dog are based on the average of ranges by weights: Neuter: \$40.00 - \$100.00 Spay: \$45.00 - \$100.00 Plus \$15.00 (heat), \$25.00 (pregnant), \$25.00 (cryptorchid). Costs per cat can be increased by \$10.00 (heat/pregnant), \$20.00 (cryptorchid)

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

Vouchers will be provided when needed immediately and a "Big Fix" is not scheduled or if the owner is unable to attend a scheduled event. Vouchers are honored by the Cares Center (of Lake Panasoffkee) or by Buffalo Ridge Small Animal Hospital (Oxford/The Villages) depending on the address of the pet owner.

**Other Information**

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

The demand for our free voucher program and one-day event "Big Fixes" has increased with the downturn in the economy. The county, local townships and local businesses have offered to provide locations for us to hold our events. Our local DART has provided us with the use of their 40-foot mobile kennel to use for spay/neuter events and we are raising money to outfit as a mobile surgery.

**Budget**

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 250 **Dogs:** 250

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

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$48.00

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

Vaccines are provided where needed. Rabies vaccines are paid for by our organization; our vets may provide other vaccines based on availability (usually donations by other area vets).

**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:** 09/01/11/    **Projected end date:** 08/31/12

#### 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 are working with the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) to develop a Strategic Planning Board of major benefactors and community leaders to do long-range planning and capital fund-raising.

#### 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 promote the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate with a link from our website. A press release will be sent to The Sumter Times and The Villages Daily Sun and to The Villages media group for television and radio. Our Humane Society van has a FAF license plate.