

Grant ID: 1500

Title of Proposal: St. Francis Pet Care FAF application

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$13,130.00

Check Payable To: St. Francis Pet Care, Inc.

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: St. Francis Pet Care, Inc.

Website Address: <http://stfrancispetcare.org>

Person Submitting Proposal: Priscilla Caplan

Position: coordinator

Agency Head: Dale Kaplan-Stein, DVM

Agency Head Email: oaksdks@gmail.com

Organization Business Address: PO Box 358462

City: Gainesville

State: FL

Zip: 32635

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Agency Details

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/14 **End:** 12/31/14

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$118,411.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$117,729.00

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

Number of Active Volunteers: 45

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 85.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Applied previously

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2011/12 Year(s) denied/incomplete:

Describe your agency:

Services Provided

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

Organization Structure:

- City, county, or tribal agency
- Private nonprofit agency
- Other
- TNR Group
- Rescue Group

Other Primary veterinary care

List your current board of directors:

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation	Email
Chris Machen	Vice-President	352-514-3187	retired	cmachen@ufl.edu
Dale Kaplan-Stein	President	352-871-2843	DVM	oaksdks@gmail.com
Galey Gravenstein	Treasurer	352-258-6823	volunteer	nggators@aol.com
Paul Nicoletti	BOD member	352-375-2453	professor emeritus	nicolettip@ufl.edu
Priscilla Caplan	Secretary	352-318-3873	retired	caplanpriscilla@gmail.com

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

0 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

0 cats and 0 dogs were adopted.

0 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

0 cats and 0 dogs were sterilized.

Briefly describe your animal 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 offer wellness services to underserved pet owners. SFPC provides free primary veterinary care to pets of homeless and very low income individuals in Alachua County, FL. Clients accepted into our program can see a veterinary at our weekly clinic whenever necessary, pick up heartworm and flea/tick preventives monthly, and get pet food weekly. We occasionally rehome pets of our clients when the owner can no longer take care of them or find foster homes for pets whose owners are temporarily hospitalized or incarcerated, but we are not an adoption or rescue agency. We had 317 active clients and 513 patients (animals) at the end of 2014. Since opening in 2007, we have seen over 2000 patients. To become clients of our program, people must meet certain criteria, including having all cats and dogs in their households spayed and/or neutered. If they are otherwise eligible but have an intact animal, we arrange for the pet to be sterilized, sometimes provide transportation, and pay for the surgery when it is not covered under the provider's own grant funds. We also do outreach to local tent cities to try to gain the trust of the occupants and persuade them to spay and neuter their pets even if they do not want to be clients of our program. Because of the unique demographic of the population we serve, we find many more intact animals than those working with moderate and middle income families. In 2011 we received a FAF grant to fund 300 sterilizations, but we only performed 167. That was a year of transition during which we experienced growing pains and even had to suspend screenings for new clients because of lack of volunteer staff. Since then we have matured as an organization and greatly increased our capacity. In 2014 we were responsible for 219 spay/neuter surgeries, and could have done more with greater funding. We partnered with both No More Homeless Pets/Operation PetSnip and with the University of Florida Veterinary Community Outreach Program (UF-VCOP), and have an excellent working relationship with both of these programs. Our President, Clinic Director and co-founder Dr. Dale Kaplan-Stein has been a licensed veterinarian for 34 years and owns two local animal hospitals. Dr. Natalie Isaza, the director of the UF-VCOP, is Clinical Associate Professor of Shelter Medicine at the University of Florida and co-founder of SFPC. Dr. Patti Gordon founded All Cats Healthcare in 1993 and specializes in feline medicine. Dr. Molly Pearson has been a practicing veterinarian for 27 years and is the proprietor of Micanopy Animal Hospital. All of these veterinarians currently volunteer with SFPC in addition to their other work. No More Homeless Pets/Operation Petsnip incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2002 with the mission of reducing pet overpopulation by providing high-volume, low cost sterilization. In 2015 Operation Petsnip merged with the Humane Society of Alachua County in order to reduce administrative overhead and streamline services.

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?

In 2014 we were responsible for the sterilization of 148 dogs and 71 cats. 181 of these were done in partnership with No More Homeless Pets (now Operation Petsnip of the Humane Society of Alachua County) funded by a \$17,100 grant from the Wagmore Foundation. The remaining surgeries were done by the UF-VCOP, some using grant funding obtained by UF-VCOP, and some using funds from the SFPC regular budget. The total amount spent on spay/neuter was \$17,640. Since money is fungible, there is a tradeoff between paying for spay/neuter and providing primary care, pharmaceuticals, food and other services to the pets of our clients. We try therefore to obtain grants to help fund all aspects of our operation.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, etc.):	Alachua County, FL
Total human population in target area:	247,336
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	25%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	74951
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	61834
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	41223
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2588
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2989
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	323
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	387

Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.

We only work with very low income people such as homeless people; residents of section 8, HUD/VASH or other subsidized housing; and those receiving SNAP, Medicaid, SSI or other public assistance. We do not know if the overall proportion of people to pets is the same for all income levels.

Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:

Over the last 10 years Alachua County has made a concerted effort to reduce dog and cat overpopulation. The availability of relatively low cost spay/neuter through No More Homeless Pets/Operation PetSnip has made it easier for people of moderate means to sterilize their pets. We believe relatively high proportions of intact animals are owned by homeless people, residents of rural areas who are philosophically opposed to spay neuter, and by very low income people who believe in spay/neuter but simply can't afford it. A study by PetSmart Charities found that nationally overall, 87% of pets in underserved areas were unaltered, and that these areas contributed disproportionately to high intake rates at shelters.

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?

Please also see the answer to the previous question. Area veterinary practices, including the University of Florida Small Animal Clinic, all offer spay/neuter. Operation PetSnip offers high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter. The UF Veterinary Community Outreach Program provides free or very low cost spay/neuter services to local animal rescue groups. There remains a need for fully subsidized spay/neuter for people with very little means, and a need for continued education of target populations.

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:

Pets in low-income families Pit Bull / large breed dogs TNR managed colonies of feral cats Community cats (free-roaming and/or owned) Other

TNR Managed Colony Feral Cat Program/Community Cats (Free-Roaming and/or Owned) Program
Define the precise boundaries of the colony or targeted area, including estimate of square miles.

What is the criteria used for determining the target area(s) and/or eligibility for this program?

Describe whether the targeted area is rural, suburban, or urban. Is it commercial, residential, agricultural, or a designated special land use?

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area :

Estimated number that are currently sterilized:

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant:

For TNR program, describe the ability to maintain lifelong care for remaining cats, commitment level of volunteers/organizations, etc.

Detail any public education/outreach, adoption programs, etc.

Do current city/county ordinances address TNR or free-roaming cats?

Please explain what is allowed:

(NOTE: FAF will not fund any program this is inconsistent with local ordinances.)

For TNR program, list any groups or government agencies who support this TNR effort:

Describe any effort to lessen the negative impact on local wildlife.

Describe efforts that will be made to mitigate current or potential nuisance issues.

Will the cats be ear-tipped?

Will the cats be microchipped?

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

Objectives

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

We expect to refer 190 dogs and cats belonging to qualifying owners to our partner organizations for spay/neuter, and to pay for the sterilization of these animals with grant funds.

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

In 2014 we were responsible for the sterilization of 148 dogs and 71 cats, a total of 219 animals. With these funds we hope to increase the number of sterilizations performed to 240 (190 FAF, 50 UVCOP).

Methods

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

Criteria for FAF grant-funded spay/neuter will be the same as the criteria for becoming a client of SFPC. The individual must be a

resident of Alachua County, be homeless or demonstrated low income, and must spay/neuter all dogs and cats in the household. (University students are not eligible.) We accept dated letters of eligibility for public assistance, eligibility for low-income housing, disability, and referral from IHP and the VA as documentation.

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

We already offer spay/neuter as part of our SFPC program and we typically have more demand than we can service. We are unlikely to need to advertise to reach our target audience. However, we do and will continue to do outreach to area tent cities (including the new Grace Marketplace one-stop homeless center), home-bound residents of subsidized elderly housing, and other hard-to-reach populations.

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

Our Clinic is one block north of the bus system hub for the county which helps with transportation, but only animals that fit in carriers are allowed on buses. We have volunteers who provide transportation to/from clinic and to/from spay/neuter services when needed. We already have a large proportion of African-Americans, Hispanics, and individuals belonging to other minority groups in our program, as well as physically disabled.

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.

Yes. We have volunteers who will provide transportation of animals to/from spay/neuter when necessary. They use their own vehicles. Animals are confined in hard plastic crates. Transport volunteers who are not already vet techs are given training as part of their orientation. Our packet for new volunteers includes a liability release form they must sign.

Veterinary Services

Objectives

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

We have arranged with veterinarians in three private practices and with Operation PetSnip to perform the surgeries. The private veterinarians have agreed to perform the surgeries for the same fees as Operation PetSnip, \$50 per cat and \$80 per dog. Please note that in the list of practices below, none is tagged as "lead practice", because St. Francis Pet Care Clinic is the coordinator of the project and the lead organization.

Are they: In-house Private Vet(s) Combination

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
All Cats Healthcare	1034 NW 13th St	Gainesville	FL	32601	352-376-2287	<input type="checkbox"/>
Micanopy Animal Hospital	306 NE Hwy 441	Micanopy	FL	32667	352-466-0067	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oaks Veterinary Hospital	229 NW 75th St.,	Gainesville	FL	32607	352-376-7387	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operation PetSnip	4205 NW 6th St., Suite A-2	Gainesville	FL	32609	352-376-6647	<input 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="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>

Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$80.00

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 checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
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 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:

Operation PetSnip offers DAPP and FVRCP for \$15. It is optional and would be paid by the client. Rabies is required. It will be provided at no cost to the client either at the SFPC Clinic, or by Operation Petsnip using rabies vaccination supplied by SFPC.

Is this a voucher program? No

If so, how will you assure compliance with the program?

For your voucher program, how have you determined the capacity of the veterinarians listed above to handle the projected capacity?

Will you have the ability to report the number of vouchers issued and the percentage that result in S/N surgeries?

Community Collaboration

To assure the success of your program, are there any local groups (such as rescue groups, animal control agencies, TNR groups, local businesses, local media, social service agencies, etc.) other than your organization and your cooperating veterinarians who are committed to assist?

Yes No

Please list them and detail their level of involvement with the proposed effort.

Name	Level of Involvement
University of Florida Veterinary	UFVCOP supports SFPC and our spay/neuter efforts, and will perform spay/neuter surgeries for

Other Information

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

We just want to reiterate that SFPC is a mature organization that has successfully increased the number of spay/neuters we are responsible for each year. Also, please note that we have provided our 990EZ for 2013, the most recent year we have filed. Our 2014 990EZ is in process with our accountant at this time.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 69 **Dogs:** 121

Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000): \$13,130.00

Average cost/surgery projected: \$70.00

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

SFPC will cover the cost of rabies vaccination. We will use our own supply of vaccine, which is purchased with our own operating funds.

Describe any expenses that are not included in the grant and how they will be paid for (for example, vaccines, microchipping, ear notching, etc.):

SFPC will cover the cost of rabies vaccination. We will use our own supply of vaccine, which is purchased with our own operating funds.

Describe any other funding sources for this program, i.e. other grants, targeted fundraising efforts, budget allocation, etc.

SFPC has an annual cash budget of about \$120,000 out of which we allocate about \$15,000 for paid spay/neuter. The FAF grant, if received, will provide 13,130 of the total needed, or 87.5%. The remaining cost will come out of the regular budget from general fundraising efforts. We also take advantage of sterilizations performed by the UF-VCOP using their own grant funds.

What percent of the total cost of the program would this projected grant cover?

87.5%

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: 08/16/15/ **Projected end date:** 08/15/16

Unexpended funds

Any unexpended funds must be refunded to Florida Animal Friend within 30 days of the end of the project.

Requests for extensions

Requests for time extensions are discouraged and not often granted. If it is imperative to request an extension, such request must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the end of the project. It is FAF's policy to seldom grant more than a 30-60 day extension.

Failure to submit reports and requests within the required time period will impact your agency's future grant applications.

Future Funding to Sustain Public Spay/Neuter

***Explain how the organization plans to fund this program in the future. Having sustainable plans including other**

grants, local donations and other services generating revenue enhances the chances of receiving this grant.

St Francis Pet Care has been funding spay/neuter for the pets of eligible residents of Alachua County since 2009. For 2011/12 we received our first FAF grant. In 2013 we did all spay/neuters with the UF Shelter Medicine program, with pediatrics covered by a grant to Shelter Med and others paid out of our regular budget. In 2014 we had a grant from the Wagmore foundation. With luck, we will have a FAF grant for 2015/16. We are confident we will be able to fund spay/neuter in the future through other grants and/or our regular budget.

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 and promote the sale of the Animal Friend license plate via press releases, newsletters, website links, social media, etc. Please describe your plan to promote the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate. Grantees are required to submit documentation of promotional endeavors.**

We will publicize the FAF award on our website, FaceBook page, and on Instagram. Our 2015 plans include starting a e-newsletter in which we will also publicize the award. We will also have a "postcard" printed that we can drop off in the offices of local veterinarians, promoting grant-funded spay/neuter for qualified pet owners and proudly displaying the FAF logo. Note that these efforts are more for the information of our friends and donors rather than for our clients. For our target population, word of mouth and the voicemail message on our Clinic phone are the most effective ways of reaching people.