

Grant ID: 1705

Title of Proposal: Help Fix Levy and Surrounding Counties Unwanted Pet Population
Agency Type: Non-Profit
Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00
Check Payable To: Rapscallion to the Rescue

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Rapscallion to the Rescue **Website Address:** www.rapscalliontotherescue.org
Person Submitting Proposal: Sarah Podobinski **Position:** Vice President
Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: podobinski.s@gmail.com
Agency Head: Virginia Niles Agency Head Email: mikmakyak@aol.com
Organization Business Address: 4850 SE 212th Court **City:** Morriston
State: FL **Zip:** 32668
Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 352-528-3419 **Fax:**
Cell: 352-510-1934

Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 08/01/2013
Dates of Last Fiscal Year: **Begin:** 01/01/16 **End:** 12/31/16
Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$13,500.00
Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$13,000.00
Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0
Number of Active Volunteers: 8
Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 80.00
How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? other rescue organizations
Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if

applicable):

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 0 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 0

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):	Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
	1705	2017	Help Fix Levy and Surrounding Counties Unwanted Pet Population	Funded

Describe your Organization:

Services Provided

- Open Admission Intake Shelter
- Limited Intake Shelter
- Foster Network
- Animal Control
- Spay/Neuter Services
- Other

Organization Structure:

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

List your current board of directors:

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation
Bill Condermann	Treasurer	305-343-0380	retired
Kim Lake	Officer	352-339-6641	Associate Director
Nan Economy	Officer	352-843-2980	retired
Sarah Podobinski	Vice President	352-359-5793	Office manager
Virginia Niles	President	305-510-1934	retired

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

- 3 cats and 16 dogs were admitted.**
- 3 cats and 14 dogs were adopted.**
- 0 cats and 1 dogs were euthanized.**
- 3 cats and 16 dogs were sterilized.**

Briefly describe your animal programs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stray/Lost pet intake | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness services to understand pet owners | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner surrendered animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruelty investigation | <input type="checkbox"/> High volume spay/neuter clinic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lost and Found Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of ordinances | <input type="checkbox"/> Full service wellness clinic |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster services | | |

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.

RttR has created a spay/neuter program, Fix it Forward – Levy County. We are in the process of establishing funding for this. The FAF would help us fully launch our program. We are assisting citizens on a case by case basis. Our VP, Sarah Podobinski, will be our lead on our Spay/Neuter projects. She has been actively involved in rescue for over 5 years. She holds a degree in business with a background in accounting. Sarah has a strong relationship with citizens in Levy County as she is an active member of the community and has live there nearly her entire life. Our board members have a total combined 50+ years of experience in rescue work, communicating with the public, have developed strong relationships with the community and advertisers, etc. We will be able to fully follow the Grant curriculum and develop this into a successful program.

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?

Currently, we are providing spay/neuters to citizens on a case by case basis, funded by contributions received by RttR from private donors. We receive numerous requests and are limited to how many we can assist due to lack of funding. Additional funding from the FAF Grant would allow us to increase those numbers exponentially

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical Information service (GIS), etc.):	Levy and surrounding counties
Total human population in target area:	39832
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	22.1%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	12071
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	9958
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	6639
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	914
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	893
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	594
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	97

Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above. There are three Town/City run shelters in Levy County, Inglis, Williston and Cheifland. Their intake numbers are not included in the numbers provided by the county. Therefore the number of strays and euthanizations is actually higher. Also, due to Levy County's extensive outdoor recreational activities, there is a substantial

amount of visitors to the county, therefore, increasing the amount of animals that have been lost, left unwanted or unclaimed.

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

Levy County is a very rural, expansive area with low to middle class residents. Many animals are obtained solely for protection of homes and farms. Due to being a lower income area, many residents are unable to provide proper vetting or spay/neuter. The amount of free roaming/uncontained animals plays a huge role in the pet over population. A lot of residents cannot afford proper housing or containment for their animals. Levy County has an ordinance against free roaming animals, Sec 14-34, therefore a lot of 'stray' animals end up at animal control. On average, around 80% of dogs at animal control at any given time are pitbull type/large dog.

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?

There are several private veterinary practice throughout Levy County, however due to income restrictions of residents, not everyone is able to utilize these services especially when spay/neuter fees are normally based on weight. Larger animals tend to be more expensive, so even middle income families have a difficult time paying such a large fee.

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.

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 hope to reduce the amount of unwanted litters of puppies/kittens in Levy and surrounding counties.

Reducing the amount of free roaming animals as they are less likely to roam once spayed/neutered.

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

The grant will help us springboard the launch of our programs new spay/neuter initiative. With the help of the grant, we are hoping to greatly reduce the number of unaltered animals in Levy and surrounding counties.

Currently, on average, we are able to provide spay/neuter services to about 15-20 animals, costing around \$80-120 per animal. With help from the FAF Grant, we can increase that number to over 300 animals.

Methods

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

Any "pitbull" type breed and or dogs over 50 pounds.

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

We have developed a tremendous following through various Facebook pages that we manage. As well as extensive relationships with numerous other rescues, local newspapers and radio stations and local businesses. Word of mouth is also a key to getting the word out to families. Advertising with each type of media outlet will reach a larger audience.

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

Our program consists of people of all different backgrounds and ages. We are able to communicate across boundaries. We have network of individuals who are to transport if the need arises.

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.

Animals will be transported in the custody of their owners. Should a situation occur where transport by

someone other than the owner is needed, animals will be transported by an experienced volunteer and in the confinement of a secure crate to the facility.

Veterinary Services

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

The Humane Society of Alachua County as offered us use of their low cost spay/neuter clinic.

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

Veterinary Practices

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Operation Petsnip	4205 NW 6th Street	Gainesville	FL	32609	352-376-6647	<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	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$80.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$80.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$80.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Pain Medication	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Parasite Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
HW Testing	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Feline Leuk/FIV	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

	Available	
County License	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input 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
Microchip	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Other	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

None of the anticipated grant funds can be used for any of the above services, except for pain medication.

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

Items above are required but at no cost to the client. The optional items are at cost to the client and are based on the fee schedule at the clinic.

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
98.5 KTK radio station	Advertise
Alachua County Humane Society	Advertise and referrals
Hardison Ink Online News	Advertise
Levy County Animal Services	Advertise and referrals
WCJB TV News	Advertise
Williston Animal Group	Advertise and referrals
Your Home Pet Vet	Advertise and referrals

Other Information

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

RttR will reach out to citizens of Levy and surrounding counties with large and/or pit bull type dogs to offer spay neuter services. We will target low to middle income families and those who are s/n resistant in hopes that offering them free or reduced cost services will encourage them to take advantage of the service. Levy County is in desperate need of reducing the pet population in order to take the strain off of the county facility and the surrounding rescue groups who pull dogs from there.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 0 Dogs: 313

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$80.00

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

Grant funds will be specifically used for the costs of spay/neuter surgery and items listed above. Any additional expenses are at the owners request and will be paid for by the owner.

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

Grant funds will be specifically used for the costs of spay/neuter surgery and items listed above. Any additional expenses are at the owners request and will be paid for by the owner. We will solicit for donations to cover any advertising costs/printing costs.

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

100%

Timeline

All projects must be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding.

Projected start date: 08/01/17/ Projected end date: 07/31/18

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.**

RttR plans to apply other spay/neuter grants including but not limited to, Petfinder.com Grant, PetSmart Charities and PetCo. We are also active participants in several local area events where we sell handmade pet

items to help generate income throughout the year. We will also reach out to private and corporate donors for donations and sponsorship. RttR also hosts several fundraising events throughout the year such as dinner, silent auctions and yard sales.

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 with their final report.**

RttR will display and pass out information on FAF License Plate info at all events and activities we attend. We will also give information to each grant service recipient. The information will be posted on our Facebook and other social media outlets as well as our website.