

Grant ID: 1771

Title of Proposal: Spaying Putnam County Pets  
Agency Type: Non-Profit  
Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00  
Check Payable To: SAFE Pet Rescue

### Application Information

#### Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: SAFE Pet Rescue      **Website Address:** www.safe-pet-rescue-fl.com  
Person Submitting Proposal: Robin Kantner      **Position:** President  
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Agency Head: Robin Kantner      Agency Head Email: Rnordan\_se1@comcast.net  
Organization Business Address: PO Box 840215      **City:** Saint Augustine  
State: Florida      **Zip:** 32147  
Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 904-460-0556      **Fax:**  
Cell: 904-325-0196

#### Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 09/26/2008  
Dates of Last Fiscal Year: **Begin:** 01/01/17    **End:** 12/31/17  
Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$973,570.33  
Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$865,470.18  
Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 6 Part Time: 17  
Number of Active Volunteers: 75  
Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 900.00  
How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? First Coast No More Homeless Pets  
Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if

applicable):

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

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):	Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
	1771	2018	Spaying Putnam County Pets	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
Carole Mussoline	vice President	386-325-1534	Retired Teacher
Don Peterman	Director	386-328-7437	Retired
Karen Basche	Treasurer	904-315-5815	Insurence
Robin Kantner	President	904-460-0556	Executive Director SAFE

**Applicant Qualifications**

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

**385 cats and 1709 dogs were admitted.**

**364 cats and 1501 dogs were adopted.**

**4 cats and 8 dogs were euthanized.**

**821 cats and 1988 dogs were sterilized.**

**Briefly describe your animal programs:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stray/Lost pet intake     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foster Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness services to understand pet owners | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Program   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner surrendered animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruelty investigation                      | <input type="checkbox"/> High volume spay/neuter clinic |
| <input checked="" 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.**

SAFE Pet Rescue was formed in 2008. Its goal is to take the dogs and cats scheduled for euthanasia in local shelters. We take the animals and place them in foster homes and offer them for adoption in our adoption centers. We operate a cattery and dog adoption center in St. Augustine and the Hollister Humane Society in Putnam County. We also transport pets to shelters in the Northeast and West where they have a better chance of finding new homes. We also operate two Neuter Commuters that we use to transport pets owned by residents in St. Johns and Putnam counties for spay/neuter surgeries. We take the dogs to First Coast No More Homeless Pets and the cats to Flagler Cats. SAFE has 23 employees and 75 dedicated volunteers. The director has a long background in animal welfare. SAFE has been running our low cost neuter commuter for Putnam since 2008 . We have already in place advertising, transport vans and experienced transport staff.

**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 offer our Neuter Commuters to the public as a community service program. We have two transport vans operated by our employees. We schedule the surgeries, meet the pet owners with their pets at a central location, transport the animals and pick them up after surgery to be returned to their owners. The public pays \$50 for dogs to be fixed at FCNMHP and \$45 for cat package at Flagler Cats. This past year we transported 436 cats and 279 dogs for surgeries in our Putnam Neuter Commuter program. However, this really doesn't get at the problem in Putnam county. Putnam County is primarily rural and approximately 21.5% of the population live below the poverty level. These folks cannot afford to pay for the surgery for their pets. Thus, their pets breed and the offspring frequently end up in the shelter. We have no separate funding to pay for these surgeries. Our funds come from the operation of our two thrift stores and donations which fund our adoption efforts.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical Information service (GIS), etc.):	Putnam County, FL
Total human population in target area:	72,277
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	21.7
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	21903
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	18070
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	12047
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	770
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	860
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	11
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	7
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.	

It should be noted that the euthanasia rate in the Putnam County shelter is so low is almost entirely a result of our efforts and other rescue groups. Of the 1,630 animals admitted to the shelter, 1,289 went to rescues, including SAFE Pet Rescue. Since opening the Hollister Humane Society in Putnam County 2 years ago, our admissions (primarily large dogs and puppies) exceed the county animal control shelter especially since it now charges \$65 to take an animal.

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

Pets owned by low-income people (mostly large dogs) and feral cats.

**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 no low-cost spay/neuter services in Putnam County. The only resources people have, other than private vets, are to take the pets to locations outside the county in Flagler or Duval counties or to use our neuter-commuters.

**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.**

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

**Estimated number of cats in the target colony area :** 0

**Estimated number that are currently sterilized:** 0

**Projected reduction after utilizing the grant:** 0

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

N/A

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

No

**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:**

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

**Will the cats be ear-tipped? No**

**Will the cats be microchipped? No**

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

N/A

Objectives

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

We hope to spay or neuter approximately 445 dogs and cats owned by low-income Putnam County residents. (The exact number will depend on the mix of cats as opposed to dogs.)

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

We currently transport approximately 20 dogs each week from Putnam County to First Coast No More Homeless Pets and 20 cats to Flagler Cats for surgery. With this funding, we would schedule an additional day for transport to each facility, if needed.

Methods

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

The pet owner would have to show proof of eligibility for one of the following programs: Food Stamps, Medicaid, MediPass, MediKids, Health Ease, Healthy Kids, Kid Care, Sect. 8/Public Housing, WIC or SSI or provide proof that their income is under 150% of the poverty level.

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

We will advertise the program on social media, at our thrift store, and on the radio and through the Palatka newspaper. Putnam Animal Control will also let people know about the program. There are some county employees who do outreach who would also let low-income pet owners know about the program.

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

We provide the transportation from central location in Palatka. We have volunteers who can also help with transportation and help with cultural hurdles.

**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.**

We operate two air conditioned vans and have crates that we use when transporting the animals. Our employees are trained and experienced in transporting pets.

Veterinary Services

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

We have a long-standing relationship with First Coast No More Homeless Pets in Jacksonville to sterilize the pet dogs and with Flagler Cats for the pet cats.

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

**Veterinary Practices**

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
First Coast No More Homeless Pets	6817 Norwood Avenue	Jacksonville	Florida	32208	904-425-0005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Flagler Cats	2405 E Moody Blvd 32110	Bunnell	FL	32110	386-503-4250	<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
<b>Range for Male Cats</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$40.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$40.00"/>
<b>Range for Female Cats</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$54.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$54.00"/>
<b>Range for Male Dogs</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$70.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$70.00"/>
<b>Range for Female Dogs</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$70.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$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>Rabies 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>
<b>Pain Medication</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes

	Available	<input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>
<b>Parasite Medication</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
	Available	<input type="text" value="\$12.00"/>
<b>HW Testing</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
	Available	<input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
<b>Feline Leuk/FIV</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
	Available	<input type="text" value="\$21.00"/>
<b>County License</b>	<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
<b>Microchip</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
	Available	<input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>
<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

**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:**

It is up to the owners to determine if they want to pay for additional services.

**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
All local vets in Putnam	SAFE has long standing excellent relationship with all of the local vets in Putnam County. All understand the need for this and will direct clients in need to us
Local Radio Stations	All do run PR for us telling people of our services

Name	Level of Involvement
Palatka Daily News	Will run PR at no charge letting people know of this service being offered
Putnam Animal Control	Will direct folks needing this service to us and those turning in pups and kittens

Other Information

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

There is a tremendous need in Putnam County for these services. Just this past weekend, we had 20 puppies abandoned to us--we cannot keep up with the numbers. Putnam County desperately needs a spay/neuter program focused on pet owners who cannot otherwise afford the surgeries.

Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats: 300 Dogs: 155**

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

**Average cost/surgery projected: \$55.00**

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

Any other expenses will be borne by the pet owner.

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

Right now we have no other sources for funding.

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

25%

Timeline

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

**Projected start date: 08/01/18/ Projected end date: 12/31/18**

**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.**

We will look for additional grants, seek local funding and try to work with the Putnam County government to provide funding.

## 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.**

SAFE will include with each PR and each radio broadcast the fact that this was made possible by The Animal Friend License Plate . We will also advertise in our newsletter and website, Facebook pages .