

Grant ID: 1880

Title of Proposal: TNR Wakulla and Gadsden

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00

Check Payable To: Its Meow or Never for Ferals Inc.

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Its Meow or Never for Ferals Inc.

Website Address: itsmeowornevertally.com

Person Submitting Proposal: Christy Alford

Position: Director

Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: christi_70114@yahoo.com

Agency Head: Christy Alford

Agency Head Email: christi_70114@yahoo.com

Organization Business Address: 270 Tranquility Lane

City: Havana

State: FL

Zip: 32333

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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 02/27/2007

Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/17 **End:** 12/31/17

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$46,990.00

Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$39,114.00

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

Number of Active Volunteers: 48

Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 740.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? CAAN meeting

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
125	2010	North Florida TNR	Denied
1880	2019	TNR Wakulla and Gadsden	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
Christy Alford	Director	470-303-1507	Appraiser
JoAnn Hulls	President	404-625-7158	Controller

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

0 cats and 0 dogs were admitted.

315 cats and 0 dogs were adopted.

0 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.

1532 cats and 0 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wellness services to understand pet owners | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner surrendered animals | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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.

Since 2007, Its Meow or Never ("IMON") has been aggressively spaying and neutering cats in Northwestern Florida. IMON has partnered with numerous organizations including Be the Solution, Tallahassee's Animal Services Center, City of Tallahassee's Animal Control, Leon County Animal Control, Leon County Humane Society, Animal Shelter Foundation, Voices of Chance Animal League, Wakulla Animal control, Gadsden County Humane Society, Jefferson County Humane Society, and numerous veterinary clinics including South Georgia Spay & Neuter and Animal Aid. IMON volunteers to manage this program include: JoAnn Hulls has over 30 years' experience in shelter operations, pet rescue, foster based systems, and animal welfare. Misty Bryant has worked with dogs for numerous years and has been a full-time volunteer with IMON for over three years. Christy Alford, originally from New Orleans, and has over 30 years' experience in shelter operations, pet rescue, foster based programs, and animal welfare advocacy. After Hurricane Katrina, Christy worked with a small group of animal advocates for legislation that does not allow hurricane shelters to turn away people with pets.

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?

IMON is the largest TNR group in northwestern Florida and currently owns 75 feral cat traps that are used by volunteers to do TNR services around the northwest Florida area. In 2018, IMON averaged 78 TNRs per month. During 2019, that figure has increased to about 100 per month. Based on new recruitment of volunteers and the new Loan-a-trap program, IMON could easily increase that number to between 150 to 200 per month. IMON receives over 350 TNR inquiries a month from the public by phone, website, Facebook, messenger, social media, and vet referrals in the area. In addition, most of the animal control and humane societies in the area forward TNR inquiries to IMON. BTS provides IMON with 50 vouchers each month where BTS pays for the spay/neuter surgery and IMON pays the remaining items (rabies, ear tip, pain medication, fluids, vaccinations, flea medication, wormer, and any other incidentals). Any other TNRs done by IMON above the amount paid by BTS is paid by IMON through donations from the community and fundraising.

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):	Wakulla and Gadsden
Total human population in target area:	78201
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	19.8
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	23698
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	19551
Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	13034

Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	2139
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	na
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	860
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	na
Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.	
NA	
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:	
Additional resources would allow IMON to perform more TNR services to the counties that it serves. Some of the poorest counties in Florida are located in the area that IMON serves. These include Gulf, Franklin, Liberty, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Calhoun, Wakulla, Gadsden, Jefferson, Taylor, and Leon Counties.	
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?	
Wakulla has an animal control and humane society that performs annual spay day. Gadsden does not have any spay and neuter services in the county.	
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"/> Pit Bull / large breed dogs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TNR managed colonies of feral cats <input type="checkbox"/> Community cats (free-roaming and/or owned) <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

The target area is Gadsden (500 square miles) and Wakulla (600 square miles) Counties in northwest Florida. The targeted area is primarily silviculture and agriculture land. Based on surveys done by Florida State University, there are over 10,000 feral cats in Gadsden County and 5,000 feral cats in Wakulla County. Wakulla has approximately 20% of the feral cats are currently sterilized. Gadsden County has approximately 2% of the feral cat community that is currently sterilized. The projected

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

Feral Cat Colonies only

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

The targeted area is primarily silviculture and agriculture land.

Estimated number of cats in the target colony area : 15000

Estimated number that are currently sterilized: 1000

Projected reduction after utilizing the grant: 750

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

The projected increase in sterilization rates would be about a 6% increase in the number of feral cats that are sterilized in each county. Because the colonies would become IMON managed colonies, the medical and food needs of the colony would be handled by volunteers of IMON.

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

Yes

Please explain what is allowed:

It is unlawful for any person to intentionally provide food, water, or other forms of sustenance to any feral or community cat on county property. (b) Voluntary registration of caretakers. Any caretaker may register with Wakulla Animal Services by completing a form to be provided by the county. Each registration form shall include at a minimum, the following information, which shall be updated no less than once per year: (1) Address, telephone number, and email address of the caretaker. (2)

(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.

By sterilizing feral cats, they have a tendency to reduce the amount of wandering and hunting in other areas.

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

The sterilization will reduce feral cat tendencies to become a nuisance. In addition, managed colonies are more apt to not be a nuisance.

Will the cats be ear-tipped? Yes

Will the cats be microchipped? Yes

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

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Objectives

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

Sterilize about 700 cats in Wakulla and Gadsden Counties

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

Currently minimal numbers of cats are sterilized in Gadsden and Wakulla.

Methods

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

Feral cat colonies

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

Website, facebook, and flyers

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

transportation is handled internally by volunteers

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

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

Animal Aid and South Georgia Spay and Neuter

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

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
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Range for Male Cats	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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 type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
HW Testing <input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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
County License <input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Ear tipping <input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Microchip <input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input 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

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:

The client pays for rabies, parasite, ear tipping and microchipping

Is this a voucher program? Yes

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

The three IMON board members in charge of this project are the only ones that will have access to vouchers.

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

The vets have stated that they can handle the added capacity

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

yes

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
Be The Solution and ASF	Minimal

Other Information

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

With additional grant resources, IMON can expand services to more citizens in the Gadsden and Wakulla counties. With over 350 calls for help in the area being received now, IMON is turning away or putting on waiting lists 100s of citizens each month. The targeted areas of Gadsden and Wakulla counties are low-income neighborhoods in typically rural areas that do not have access to veterinary care or cannot afford any spay and neuter services of the local vets. These are areas not being serviced by a large animal control, humane society, and/or rescue groups like larger cities such as Tallahassee. By estimating the number of TNRs done by IMON currently and the number of calls received for help, IMON can easily do another 50 TNRs each month. This would significantly reduce the number of feral cats breeding in Gadsden and Wakulla counties.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 750 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$34.00

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

IMON covers all other expenses

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

Fundraising is the primary source of IMON income

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

60%

Timeline

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

Projected start date: 09/01/19/ **Projected end date:** 08/31/20

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.**

Primarily through fundraising, IMON will continue its efforts in Wakulla and Gadsden counties.

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.**

Website and Social media along with monthly newsletters