

Grant ID: 2013

**Title of Proposal:** Fix Dixie County Pets  
**Agency Type:** Municipal  
**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00  
**Check Payable To:** Dixie County Sheriff

Application Information

Demographics

<b>Name of Applicant Agency:</b> Dixie County Sheriff	<b>Website Address:</b>
<b>Person Submitting Proposal:</b> Danielle Cummings	<b>Position:</b> volunteer
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<b>Agency Head:</b> Danny Forehand	<b>Agency Head Email:</b> dannyforehand@dixiecountysheriff.com
<b>Organization Business Address:</b> 386 NE 255 Street	<b>City:</b> Cross City
<b>State:</b> Florida	<b>Zip:</b> 32628
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<b>Cell:</b>	

Agency Details

**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:**

**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 11/01/19 **End:** 10/31/20

**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$141,297.00

**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$141,297.00

**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 1 Part Time: 0

**Number of Active Volunteers:** 0

**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 0.00

**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Word of Mouth

**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
2013	2021	Fix Dixie 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
James Valentine	County Commissioner	352-356-0405	Commissioner
Jamie Storey	County Commissioner	352-356-0404	Commissioner
Jody Stephenson	County Commissioner	352-356-0401	Commissioner
Mark Hatch	County Commissioner	352-356-0403	Commissioner
W.C. Mills	County Commissioner	352-356-0402	Commissioner

**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:**

- Stray/Lost pet intake
- Foster Program
- Wellness services to understand pet owners
- Volunteer Program
- Owner surrendered animals
- Food Bank
- Cruelty investigation
- High volume spay/neuter clinic
- Lost and Found Program
- Behavior counseling
- Enforcement of ordinances
- Full service wellness clinic
- Adoption Program
- Disaster services

**If your program performs adoptions, are all animals sterilized before adoption?**

No

**If not all, what percentage of animals are not currently sterilized before adoption?**

**If not all, how are animals selected for sterilization before adoption?**

Dixie County Animal Control does not currently do adoptions.

**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.**

Currently, Dixie County Animal Control has very limited resources and is not able to track the number of intakes or euthanasias. However, we are eager to improve and expand upon current partnerships. Dixie County Animal Control works closely with the Humane Society of North Central Florida and other rescue partners to transfer out animals that can not be reunited with their families. This grant will be an opportunity to expand upon that relationship. Additionally, our officers that work within the community can spread the word about the new spay/neuter opportunity. While Dixie County Animal Services will administer a Florida Animal Friend grant, the experienced professionals at the Humane Society will be contracted to schedule and perform the direct services and will partner with us to publicize the availability of free spay/neuter surgeries for Dixie County residents.

**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?**

**Target Population**

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):</b>	Dixie and surrounding counties
<b>Total human population in target area:</b>	16,826
<b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>	21.2%
<b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>	5099
<b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>	4207
<b>Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>	2805
<b>Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	N/A
<b>Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	N/A
<b>Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	N/A

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<b>Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	N/A
<b>Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.</b> N/A	
<b>Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:</b> Dixie County is a very large, mostly rural community with a high percentage of low to middle class residents. Culturally, many pets are obtained solely for the protection of homes, land, and farms. Due to the socioeconomic status of most Dixie County residents, many are unable to provide proper vetting or spay/neuter for their pets. Those factors along with the sheer number of free roaming, uncontained animals play a large part in the pet over-population our community struggles with.	
<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> Dixie County has no confirmed private veterinarians. Individuals seeking veterinary care have to travel to neighboring counties. Unfortunately, due to income restrictions, 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. There are no highvolume, low-cost spay/neuter clinics in Dixie County. The closest provider is Operation Petsnip at the Humane Society of North Central Florida in Alachua County.	
<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(s) of the spay/neuter project proposed for this grant:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pets in low-income families <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Bull / large breed dogs <input 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.**

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?** Yes  
**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)?**

Using grant funds from Florida Animal Friend, Inc., we hope to sterilize 297 cats and dogs. The objective of sterilizing these cats and dogs is to ultimately reduce our intakes and thus reduce euthanasia of healthy and treatable cats and dogs in our shelter.

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

Dixie County Animal Control does not have a veterinarian on staff and does not offer any sterilization surgeries. This program would allow us to begin offering sterilization to our residents and reduce the number of unwanted litters in the community.

## Methods

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

Our program will focus on low income pet owners. Thus, we will determine eligibility based on the following documentation: Medicaid, Food Stamp or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cards, pay stubs, or federal income tax returns. We will also accept participation in other low income programs to qualify. Eligibility will be determined at the time spay/neuter is scheduled by our surgery provider.

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

We will advertise the program through our county communications office through all available channels. We will also ask our partner rescues, shelters, and other groups to advertise this grant on our behalf.

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

As county employees, we are members of this community and thus we have personal relationships with many of the individuals accessing services for their pets. We will also employ the assistance of volunteers and other rescue groups to address any transportation needs that arise. The Humane Society of North Central Florida has English and Spanish speakers on staff to accommodate any language needs when scheduling surgery.

### **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 are transported by their owners. Should a pet owner need help with transporting their animals, their pets will be transported by an experienced volunteer and in the confinement of a secure crate to the surgery provider.

## Veterinary Services

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

The Humane Society of North Central Florida's (HSNCF) Operation Petsnip is our region's only high-volume, low-cost, ASPCA/Humane Alliance trained spay/neuter clinic. Dixie County Animal Services has arranged with HSNCF to provide all spay/neuter surgeries at reduced prices.

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

### **Veterinary Practices**

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Humane Society of North Central Florida	4205 NW 6th St	Gainesville	FL	32609	352-373-5855	<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, which is required) and not for other items such as testing, licensing, and capital purchases. However, \$2 per animal of grant funds can be used for rabies vaccination.

**Amount Paid by Client**

**Amount Paid by Project**

**Total Amount**

<b>Range for Male Cats</b>	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Range for Female Cats</b>	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Range for Male Dogs</b>	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>Range for Female Dogs</b>	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

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

	<b>Required, Optional, or Not Offered</b>	<b>Fee to Client?</b>
<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 checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Pain Medication</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>Parasite 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>HW Testing</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>Feline Leuk/FIV</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>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
<b>Ear tipping</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>Microchip</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input 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

**None of the anticipated grant funds can be used for any of the above services, except for pain medication which is required and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.**

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

The \$50 for cats and \$100 for dogs includes a basic exam, anesthesia, surgery, and pain medication. This cost will also include rabies and distemper vaccination at no charge, if due. Other vaccinations, microchips, and testing are all available for an additional fee.

**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
Dixie County Animal Advocate	Advertise grant, refer clients
Haile's Angels Pet Rescue	Advertise grant, refer clients

Name	Level of Involvement
Humane Society of North Central Florida	Provide surgeries, refer clients, transport animals for surgery, advertise

## Other Information

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

Dixie County Animal Control is committed to working with our partners and with our community to increase our live release rate. We intend to reach out to the citizens of Dixie County about the availability of spay/neuter services for their unaltered pets. We are hopeful that our community will take advantage of these services and we will see a reduction in intakes at Dixie County Animal Control as a result.

## Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 150 **Dogs:** 150

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

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$84.00

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

The Humane Society of North Central Florida has generously offered to provide rabies and distemper vaccines at no cost to Dixie County Animal Control or to the pet owner should a dog or cat be due for its vaccination. Any other optional services will be at the owner's expense.

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

We do not currently have any additional funding for this program.

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

100

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**All projects must be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding, with the final report submitted no later than September 1 of the following year.**

**Projected start date:** 08/01/21/ **Projected end date:** 07/30/22

### 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.**

Dixie County Animal Control will continue to seek out funding for municipal shelters from other grantors like Petco Foundation and PetSmart Charities. Our partner rescues and organizations also frequently write grants and other funding proposals that are inclusive of Dixie County's pets.

## 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.**

**Dixie County Animal Control will advertise and promote the Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate on our website, in our shelter's lobby, and in the vehicles of our animal control officers. Our surgical and other rescue partners will also assist us with advertising the license plates and the availability of grant funds with the local media, at their facilities and through social media.**

**Number of FAF specialty plates on vehicles of staff and/or volunteers:**

Unknown

