

Grant ID: 2046

**Title of Proposal:** SPAY THEM ALL

**Agency Type:** Non-Profit

**Total Funding Requested:** \$15,000.00

**Check Payable To:** Cats Angels Inc. SPCA

Application Information

Demographics

**Name of Applicant Agency:** Cats Angels Inc. SPCA

**Website Address:** www.catsangels.com

**Person Submitting Proposal:** Sherry Merritt

**Position:** Executive Director

**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** smerritt@catsangels.com

**Agency Head:** Sherry Merritt

**Agency Head Email:** smerritt@catsangels.com

**Organization Business Address:** 709 S. 8th St

**City:** Fernandina Beach

**State:** FL

**Zip:** 32034

**Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 904-321-2267

**Fax:**

**Cell:** 904-673-0892

Agency Details

**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 07/01/2001

**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/21 **End:** 12/31/21

**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$286,085.53

**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$213,719.48

**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 2 Part Time: 2

**Number of Active Volunteers:** 71

**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 176.00

**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** First Coast Nomore Homless Pets organization

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

**Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2020 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2010

**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
175	2010	TNR/SPAY NASSAU	Denied
261	2011	Spay Nassau	Funded
1908	2020	SPAY NASSAU	Funded
2046	2022	SPAY THEM ALL	Funded

Describe your Organization:

Services Provided

- Open Admission Intake Shelter
- Limited Intake Shelter
- Foster Network
- Animal Control

Organization Structure:

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

**Spay/Neuter Services**

**Other**

**Other**

**List your current board of directors:**

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation
Becky Delp	Director	314-322-3057	Retired
Bonnie Howell	Director	252-675-2838	Retired Law Enforcement
Gail Cook	Secretary	904-583-1415	Educator
Nancy Douglas	Director	904-557-8939	Pet Sitter
Pat Glassbrenner	Director	904-206-9305	Admin. Coordinator
Sherry Merritt	Executive Director	904-673-0892	President

**Applicant Qualifications**

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

**160 cats and 1 dogs were admitted.**

**158 cats and 1 dogs were adopted.**

**2 cats and 0 dogs were euthanized.**

**932 cats and 27 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?**

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.**

Our low-cost/TNR program has been in existence since 2001. Since 2001, we have helped spay/neuter over 19,000 cats. We have a strong partnership with First Coast No more Homeless Pets. Basically, FCNHP reserves us spay/neuter space for 25 to 50 animals each Wednesday. Our Executive Director will be in charge of this program and transports the animals each week to FCNHP and then transports them back to CATS ANGELS to recover in our dedicated recovery room.

**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 have private donations, fundraisers, and a thrift store to raise money for our programs. Additional funding is requested to help those who can't afford to spay/neuter for their strays and pets.

**Florida Animal Friend grants are for low-cost and/or no-cost spay/neuter programs; If you currently have such a program, please describe**

We have a TNR program and low-cost spay/neuter program for cats. We help people that dont have transportation by going to their homes and picking up their pet for them. We also transport 25 to 30 cats each week to FCNHP for spay/neuter services. In addition, we have a voucher program that targets low-income residents that have pets and FCNHP does all the spay/neuter for this program.

**Number of animals sterilized in that program in the past year:**

**Cats: 932 Dogs: 23**

**Target Population**

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):</b>	Nassau County, Florida Fernandina, Callahan, Hillard, and Briceville, 32034,32097,32011,32046,32009,32041
<b>Total human population in target area:</b>	82,864

<b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>	10.23
<b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>	25111
<b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>	20716
<b>Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>	13811
<b>Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	1,1450
<b>Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	1,1342
<b>Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	48
<b>Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	49
<b>Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.</b> YES. Our county (NASSAU) is currently growing and building a new city called Wildlight. We have over 39,000 new homes and several new schools and hospitals being built here.	
<b>Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:</b> The lack of affordable spay/neuter services, transportation, and education in our rural areas are the leading causes of overpopulation in our targeted areas. For example, if a person wanted to spay/neuter a mom and litter of kittens before they gave them away, this would cost them over \$1,500.	
<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> Cats Angels is the only non-profit organization that offers TNR services in Nassau County. We depend on private donations, fundraising, and our thrift store to fund our programs. The demand to help TNR/ community cats more is needed. There are only private veterinary clinics in our targeted area. They fail to meet the needs because they don't help feral cats and are not affordable to our underserved. They don't offer discounted prices for feral cats or domestic community cats. For example, a mom cat and her 4 babies would cost over \$1,500 to spay/neuter. Also, our veterinary clinics can't spay/neuter the current volume of cats and dogs needed. Most clinics can only handle 5 animals a week for spay/neuter.	
<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"/> <b>Pets in low-income families</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pit Bull / large breed dogs</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>TNR managed colonies of feral cats</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Community cats (free-roaming and/or owned)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>	

**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.**

We have 733.07 Sq. miles in Nassau County. The boundaries in our targeted area are the city/county limits of Callahan (32011), Hillard (32046), Yulee (32034), Briceville (32009).

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

The locations to be serviced by the grant are the 4 vicinities in the Northeast area of Nassau County, Florida: Briceville, Callahan, Hillard, and the area of Fernandina Beach located off Old Nassauville Road. The targeted areas are rural residential communities with some commercial development. The locations were based on the following criteria: An increased number of cats being dropped off and abandoned in these locations that have not been spayed and neutered. We work closely with Nassau Count

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

The targeted areas are a mix of rural, commercial, and residential areas in Nassau County Florida.

**Estimated number of cats in the target colony area :** 13811

**Estimated number that are currently sterilized:** 5000

**Projected reduction after utilizing the grant:** 900

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

We have a food bank for colony caregivers. We have feeding stations built for caregivers, Our caregivers also inform us of any new cats enter their colony so they can be trapped and spayed/neutered. We also provide medical support for any colony cats that may get injured or need any medical help.

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

Yes

**Please explain what is allowed:**

Cats are allowed to roam freely

**(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:**

Nassau County Animal Services, Nassau Humane Society, and Paw Paws Animal Rescue.

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

Cats Angels food bank provides cat food to colony care givers and people with pets that have fallen on hard times. We also encourage people not to feed cats near bird feeders. Colony care givers are educated not over feed cats because it also feeds wildlife too.

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

By spaying and neutering cats, we are helping reduce the cat overpopulation. Basically, this stops the colony from growing over time. The colonies will get smaller and smaller because they are stabilized. We educate the public not to over feed their colonies and to be good stewards of the land by picking up any trash and not leaving any trash near their feeding stations.

**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.**

Our s/n program runs very smoothly currently. We have trained volunteers that answer calls and sign people up for the program. We are well trained in handling, trapping, transporting, and housing TNR cats. If granted with more funding, we can help more cats.

## Objectives

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

Our goal is to spay/neuter 555 cats in our community. This would help us achieve our overall goal of spay/neutering over 1,000 cats this year. We also want to continue to keep our shelters in Nassau stay no-kill. Knowing that we will have more than 35,000 new homes built soon, we want to increase our spay/neuter volume to keep up with the growth.

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

Last year, we increased our spay/neuter program from 700 cats to 900 cats. If we were granted more funding, we could help over 1,400 cats in community.

## Methods

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

The locations to be serviced by this grant are for vicinities in the Northeast of Nassau County, Hilliard, Callahan, Briceville, and one area in Fernandina Beach located off Old Nassauville Rd. The target areas are rural residential communities with some commercial development. The targeted areas include predominantly low-income households that do not have access to affordable spay/neuter support from any provider other than Cats Angels, Inc. Also, the number of request received by Cats Angels from residents and business owners in these areas requesting spay/neuter control of feral and community cat populations.

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

We will advertise on social media, our website, and local newspaper. Also, we will make flyers for the program and post these in our community(Animal services, FCNHP, Humane Society, Grocery Stores, and food banks).

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

We provide traps, transportation, carriers and food. We also provide written material in Spanish.

**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.**

Cats Angels has a dedicated van that is used in trapping and transporting cats from the trapping site to surgery. We have each owner sign a liability waiver when we transport their cats. Cats Angels offers volunteer trapping classes to the public, volunteers, and animal control. Cats Angels also has a dedicated room that is specifically designed with climate control to care for cats pre and post surgery recovery.

## Veterinary Services

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

First Coast No more Homless Pets reserves every Wednesday for us to bring in 25 or more animals in for spay/neuter services. We also have a voucher program for people to bring the animals in at their convenience.

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

**Veterinary Practices**

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
First Coast Nomore Homelss Pets	6817 Norwood Ave	Jacksonville	Florida	32208	904-425-0005	<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>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$45.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$45.00"/>
<b>Range for Female Cats</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$45.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$45.00"/>
<b>Range for Male Dogs</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
<b>Range for Female Dogs</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$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?
<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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$16.00"/>
<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
<b>Ear tipping</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>Microchip</b>	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
<b>Other</b>	<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 which is required and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.**

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

The grant will cover the sterilization and pain meds. Any other meds needed will be covered by Cats Angels.

**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
Meals on Wheels for Pets	Provide donated food for dogs and cats. Also, provide help trapping and transporting cats.
Nassau County Animal Services	Help with trapping and provide transportation to vet clinic.
Nassau Humane Society	Trapping and provide transportation to help with surgery and medical needs.

## Other Information

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

We are an organization that has been in existence for 20 years and has helped spay/neuter 19,000 cats. We take TNR and low-cost spay/neuter serious. Our call volume consists of 25 to 30 people calling each week for spay/neuter each week. Once the need is established, we have a team of trained volunteers that help trap the cats and bring them to Cats Angels. If the cats are pets, we verify their low-income eligibility. Next, we have a scheduled dedicated day that we bring them to First Coast No More Homeless Pets in our dedicated van. Lastly, once they are spay/neutered the feral cats recover at Cats Angels before being released.

## Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 375 **Dogs:** 0

**Total budget requested (Budget should not exceed \$25,000):** \$15,000.00

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$40.00

**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 expenses not covered in the grant will be paid by Cats Angels. For example, we will cover the cost of flea meds, antibiotics, or specialty surgery ( eye repair, broken legs, or crypt orchid).

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

Nassau County Animal Services collects monies for county licenses. In return, NCAS gives a portion of the money collected to help fund our spay/neuter program. We have a thrift store to help fund our spay/neuter program costs.

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

25%

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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:** 09/01/22/ **Projected end date:** 08/31/23

### 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 have two big fundraisers each year and together they raise about \$11,000. We have a thrift store that generates about half of our funding each year. We also have quarterly newsletters, and an end of year appeal letter that generates the remainder of our 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 with their final report.**

We promote the sale of the license plate grant by publishing the positive benefits of purchasing a license plate and how it helps support spay/neuter in our community and around the state of Florida. We share this information in our newsletter that we mail out to over 700 supporters. We write articles and send to the newspaper about the grant and license plates. We also publish info on social media such as facebook.

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

**20**