

Grant ID: 2032

**Title of Proposal:** Snipping Overpopulation

**Agency Type:** Non-Profit

**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00

**Check Payable To:** Operation:SNIP

Application Information

Demographics

**Name of Applicant Agency:** Operation:SNIP

**Website** 13489 Walsingham Road, 13521

**Address:** Walsingham Road

**Person Submitting Proposal:** Mary Taylor

**Position:** Executive Director

**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** operationsnipfl@gmail.com

**Agency Head:** Mary Taylor

**Agency Head Email:** operationsnipfl@gmail.com

**Organization Business Address:** 13489 Walsingham Road, 13521 Walsingham Road

**City:** Largo

**State:** FL

**Zip:** 33774

**Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 727-595-1983

**Fax:**

**Cell:** 727-434-3448

Agency Details

**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 01/12/2015

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

**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$1,116,155.82

**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$731,254.25

**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 8 Part Time: 8

**Number of Active Volunteers:** 2

**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 40.00

**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Pinellas County Animal Services

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

**Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2015,2017,2020 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2016, 2019

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

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1451	2015	Operation:SNIP IT !	Funded
1699	2017	Operation:SPAY NEUTER IN PINELLAS	Funded
1835	2019	Operation:Spay Neuter In Pinellas	Denied
1893	2020	Snipping Overpopulation	Funded
2032	2022	Snipping Overpopulation	Funded

**Describe your Organization:**

**Services Provided**

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

**Organization Structure:**

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

- Animal Control
- Spay/Neuter Services
- Other

- Rescue Group
- Other

**List your current board of directors:**

Name	Title	Phone	Occupation
Diane Smith	Board Member	727-270-0465	Veterinarian Technician/Groomer
Dr Kalen Faber	Board Member	727-501-4955	Veterinarian
Jolynn Bumiller	Board Member	727-515-9620	Lawyer/Insurance
Kristin Bobowski	Board Member	727-421-8224	Business Owner
Lindsay Drake	Board Member	727-365-0832	Merck Territory Manager
M.J Taylor	Secretary	727-432-2569	Merck Territory Manager
Mary Taylor	President	727-434-3448	Executive Director/ Certified Veterinary Technician
Rebecca Bunch	Treasurer	727-424-0261	Director of Operations Pet Pal Rescue
Stephanie Polen	Board Member	727-432-3448	Patterson Veterinary Supply Territory Manager

**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?**

n/a

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

n/a

**If not all, describe your sterilization policies and procedures for assuring sterilization after adoption:**

n/a

**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.**

Operation:SNIP Spay Neuter Clinic opened in May 2015 under the direction of Mary Taylor. Mary continues her efforts as the Executive Director and is a Certified Veterinarian Technician with over 20 years experience in shelter medicine. Mary was employed by Pinellas County Animal Services for 14 years and was responsible for creating several lifesaving programs that included off site adoptions in local petstores, growing a foster program, along with creating rescue partners. Mary continues to create lifesaving programs such as Snippen Kittens foster assistance program and a FIX PINELLAS Campaign to help underprivileged animals. Since opening in 2015 Operation:SNIP has sterilized over 18,000 dogs and cats. Operation:SNIP opened their Wellness Center in January 2020. The wellness center allows owners to continue healthcare for their pets. The Wellness Center allows owners to continue to keep pets healthy through affordable preventative care which includes vaccines, testing, preventative products such as flea and heartworm medication, dentistry, We offer Advanced Wellness with products available for ears, skin and minor health issues.

**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?**

In 2021 we were awarded \$5,000 through the Petco Love grant for spay neuter. This allowed us to continue our program where we spay neuter cats for \$10 and dog spay neuter for \$20. The funding has been depleted and we now need to rely on our FIX PINELLAS funding and donations through Pay Pal to assist.

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

Operation:SNIP offers low cost, high quality, high volume spay neuter to the public. We also work with rescue organizations, and offer these high volume clients a reduced fee on spay neuter and services.

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

**Cats:** 88 **Dogs:** 16

**Target Population**

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, geographical information service (GIS), etc.):</b>	Pinellas County
<b>Total human population in target area:</b>	975,280
<b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>	11.7
<b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>	295540
<b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>	243820
<b>Estimated number of feral cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>	162547
<b>Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	3,949
<b>Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	3,297
<b>Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	515
<b>Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)</b>	728
<b>Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.</b> Operation:SNIP's targeted animal population is not different than above.	
<b>Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:</b> The most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation continue to come from low income families, community cats and animal hoarding.	
<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> Pinellas County Animal Services has continued to improve animal welfare through partnerships with Operation:SNIP for low income residents and Friends of Strays with a TNVR program. PCAS Voucher program assists Veterans and offers Pet Assistance for low income residents. However this funding is limited through Pinellas 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?**

Yes

**Please explain what is allowed:**

N/A

**(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)?**

The Florida Animal Friends grant has tremendously helped Operation:SNIP with our mission to reduce overpopulation. If we are awarded funding we will assist low income residents with spay neuter for 100 dogs and 300 cats. Operation:SNIP also can assist with controlling pet overpopulation in households unable to control populations due to limited funds.

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

This program will increase the number of sterilizations over our baseline when we reach out to our partners and the community.

## Methods

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

The criteria to determine eligibility for assistance will be based on income, disability, we also assist the homeless. Several of our projects involve working by circumstance. Families with overpopulation issues, typically cat overpopulation are targeted until we have the whole household of animals sterilized. In these situations we partner with rescue organization that will rehome the kittens and cats through adoption after we offer spay neuter, vaccinations and preventative care to create a healthier future.

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

We continue to advertise through social media, facebook, our website and brochures in our Spay Neuter Clinic and Wellness Center. We collaborate with Pinellas County Animal Services, are in partnerships with local rescues and community cat caregivers that spread the word and sometime assist with services and schedule appointments.

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

Operation:SNIP has found that transportation has not been an issue. Clients find assistance for bringing pets in for spay neuter. Family members, friends, neighbors, and good samaritans will transport. Consent for surgery is confirmed ahead of appointments. Our software Clinic HQ offers assistance with cultural hurdles offering an application for spay neuter in Spanish on line. Staff and family members assist with illiteracy. We offer brochures in Spanish that explains procedure, post op care, vaccinations and preventative care to keep pets healthy.

**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.**

N/A

## Veterinary Services

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

Operation:SNIP has a full time veterinarian Dr Nikki McGinn that works within our Spay Neuter Clinic and Wellness Center. We also have relief veterinarians that are efficient in High Quality High Volume Spay Neuter.

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

**Veterinary Practices**

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Operation:SNIP	13489 Walsingham Road	Largo	FL	33774	727-595-1983	<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="\$10.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$40.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
<b>Range for Female Cats</b>	<input type="text" value="\$10.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>
<b>Range for Male Dogs</b>	<input type="text" value="\$20.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$80.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$100.00"/>
<b>Range for Female Dogs</b>	<input type="text" value="\$20.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$100.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$120.00"/>

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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
<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="\$15.00"/>
<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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>
<b>HW Testing</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$20.00"/>
<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 <input type="text" value="\$25.00"/>
<b>County License</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="\$20.00"/>
<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 checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$20.00"/>
<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 which is required and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.**

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

Our dog spay neuter includes pain management and an e-collar to go home. We do require that the pet is up to date on rabies vaccination and dogs over 6 months must have proof of heartworm test, or we will provide these services the day of surgery. In order to offer the healthiest outcome after surgery we will treat pets known to have fleas, scabies, ear mites and intestinal parasite at no additional charge if client is unable to afford.

**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
Cat Trap Fever	Operation:SNIP collaborates with Cat Trap Fever to help sterilize feral cats, community cats, and underprivileged owned cats. Sue Rountree the Director works in low income neighborhoods and trailer parks to provide information and assist residents. Many residents do not have access to computers and are unaware of programs available.
Compassion Kind	Operation:SNIP offers discounted volume pricing for sterilization and preventative care prior to adoption. Compassion Kind pulls puppies, dogs, kittens and cats from rural shelters within Florida and Puerto Rico, and disaster areas for adoption in Florida, reducing tragic outcomes and bringing pets new hope.
Fluff Animal Rescue	Operation:SNIP offers discounted volume pricing for sterilization and preventative care prior to adoption. Fluff Animal Rescue pulls puppies, dogs, kittens and cats from rural shelters within Florida, reducing euthanasia rates .
Friends of Stray Animal Shelter	Operation:SNIP refers out TNVR clients to Friends of Strays. Pinellas County Animal Services now collaborates with Friends of Strays to provide surgery for TNVR. This collaboration allows low cost or no cost surgery for residents and caregivers.
Humane Society of Pinellas	With Humane Society of Pinellas going through renovations at this time they are referring clients to us.
Meow Now	Meow Now collaborates with Operation: SNIP for spay neuter of kittens and cats in foster care preparing for adoption. We also offer TNVR when other resources Meow NOW uses are at capacity.
Passion 4 Pits	Operation:SNIP offers discounted pricing for sterilization and preventative care prior to adoption. Passion 4 Pits will refer underprivileged pets to Operation:SNIP when we have funding available.
Paws Rescue Group	Operation:SNIP offers discounted volume pricing for sterilization and preventative care prior to adoption. Paw Rescue Group pulls puppies, and dogs from rural shelters within Florida, reducing euthanasia rates .
Pet Pal Rescue and Veterinary Clinic	Operation:SNIP collaborates with Pet Pal Rescue and Veterinary Clinic to offer options to our clients that need more than basic wellness.
Pinellas County Animal Services	Pinellas County Animal Services and Operation:SNIP work actively together to provide pet owner education and assistance to underprivileged pets. PCAS has a Veteran and Pet Assistance Voucher Program that residents apply for. If awarded they are given a voucher they can present for services at Operation:SNIP. We also assist with spay neuter in hoarding situations.
Save Our Strays	Operation:SNIP offers discounted pricing for spay, neuter and wellness services prior to adoption.
Skyway Cats	Operation:SNIP offers discounted pricing for spay, neuter and wellness services prior to adoption.
SPCA Tampa Bay	Operation:SNIP collaborates with SPCA to give clients options when pets are in need of additional services not available at our Wellness Center.

## Other Information

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

We always look forward to the opportunity to apply for the Florida Animal Friends every other year! We are asking for \$25,000 as in the past. We are confident that we are able to assist cats at \$10 and dogs at \$20 for spay neuter in the time frame allowed. We will also be celebrating 20,000 spay neuters in late 2022 and would sure love to have Florida Animal Friends celebrate with us!

## Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 300 **Dogs:** 100

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

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$63.00

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

We require all patients coming for spay neuter surgery to be up to date on a rabies vaccination. If the pet needs a rabies vaccination there will be an additional fee of \$15. We do offer other vaccines, testing and microchips at owners expense or we fund through our campaign FIX PINELLAS.

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

Other funding sources beside FIX PINELLAS include donations to our Pay pal account through our website and in kind recurring donations through monthly supporters.

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

75

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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.**

Operation:SNIP is always searching for grants for spay neuter that will allow us to continue to offer \$10 cat spay, neuter and \$20 dog spay, neuter when funding is unavailable through FAF. We are always reaching out to other sources for grant spay neuter. Fix Pinellas is a campaign created by Operation:SNIP that is our back up for spay neuter and preventative care.

## 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.**

Operation:SNIP continues to support Florida Animal Friends with brochures in our reception areas in both our Spay Neuter Clinic and Wellness Center. We in the past have recognized Florida Animal Friend through press releases. We have a link to Florida Animal Friends through our website and clients using the grant receive information on their summary and receipt and a brochure in their go home packet at check out the day of surgery.

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

5