

Grant ID: 2166

Title of Proposal: Florida Animal Friend
Agency Type: Non-Profit
Total Funding Requested: \$25,000.00
Check Payable To: Caloosa Humane Society

Application Information

Demographics

Name of Applicant Agency: Caloosa Humane Society
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County: Hendry
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Agency Details

Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation: 05/31/1998
Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin: 01/01/22 **End:** 12/31/22
Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$1,131,355.46
Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$1,145,615.47
Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 13 Part Time: 3
Number of Active Volunteers: 75
Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 75.00

How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Previous recipient.

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

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2006, 2008, 2017, 2020 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2010, 2020, 2021

Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
149	2010	Spay/Neuter Program	Denied
1524	2006		Funded
1525	2008		Funded
1711	2017	Fix-A-Friend	Funded
1940	2020	Florida Animal Friend	Denied
2018	2021	Florida Animal Friend	Denied
2166	2023	Florida Animal Friend	Funded

***Type of Organization (check all that apply):**

- Municipal Animal Shelter
- Private Animal Shelter
- Private Animal Shelter with Municipal Contract
- Public Spay/Neuter Services
- Other Public Veterinary Services
 - Private Non-Profit Agency
 - TNR Group
 - Rescue Group
 - Other

List the current board of directors of your nonprofit organization (Not required of governmental agency):

Name	Title
Antoinette Peck	Secretary
Deirdre Purvis	Treasurer
Karla Kaufman	Director
Kathryn Meador	Director
Melissa Music	Director
Steve Kaufman	President
Tom Parrish	Vice President

Applicant Qualifications

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

32 cats and 61 dogs were admitted.

31 cats and 70 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

0 cats and 1 dogs were euthanized.

28 cats and 51 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

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 capacity to carry out this program.

Since our last funded application, we have hired a new Medical Director, Dr. Julianne McDonough, who would be a chief coordinator for our program. As a relatively new graduate from vet school, she brings with her the most up to date spay/neuter protocols and practices. Our shelter and public veterinary clinic have already progressed leaps and bounds under her guidance, and she is excited to expand Caloosa's positive impacts to the stray/feral colonies of Labelle. She has worked in veterinary medicine for 14 years at a variety of clinics and shelters and brings her wealth of experience to enrich the lives of the animals in Labelle. Our surgery suite has been improved and expanded, and staff have been appropriately trained to handle fractious cats.

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

N/A

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

Cats: Dogs:

Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc.):	LaBelle, FL
Total human population in target area:	5,186
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	30.2%
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	1572
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	1297
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	865
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	952
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	706
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	544
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	280

Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.

If calculation above was correct, then LaBelle Animal Control would have euthanized 22.32% of all cats in geographical area including pets and free-roaming. We believe the estimated number of pet cats and estimated number of free-roaming cats to be significantly higher.

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

We believe the most substantial sources of cat overpopulation in the target area are cat colonies. The colonies are able to grow due to the geographical area containing a large amount of wildlife, lack of staffing from county animal control agencies to cover such geographical area, and poverty level being more than 2 times the state poverty level. Without appropriate financial resources, our community is unable to effectively address the overpopulation.

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?

Within the community we have 3 veterinary clinics. Caloosa Humane Society is the only one providing low-cost, high-quality animal medical care. We have the ability to provide the services; however, the funds contributed after caring for our own shelter animals is not sufficient to meet the needs of the community.

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:

Pets in low-income families Large mixed-breed dogs Trap-Neuter-Return of free-roaming community cats Other

Objectives

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

One cat can produce 100-400 kittens in 7 years. With this grant we will sterilize up to 350 Feral/Community Cats reducing the future population by 35,000 - 140,000 in 7 years. This grant program will help to reduce the extreme overpopulation of unwanted pets as defined in Caloosa Humane Society's Mission Statement.

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

Currently our sterilization surgeries only include Caloosa Humane Society shelter animals and client animals. Due to lack of funding, we cannot offer low/no cost sterilization for community or stray animals. This program will significantly increase the baseline by providing much needed funding to an area that's currently more than 2 times the state poverty level.

Methods

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

TNR cats will be trapped in collaboration with volunteers, Caloosa Humane Society staff & board members, and residents living in the program-designated geographical boundaries. Our veterinarian will assess whether each cat is healthy enough to undergo sterilization or if there are other steps required before the cat can be re-released into its previous environment.

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

We will advertise through our website, social media, local media, LaBelle Animal Control, city meetings, and our Caloosa Humane Society Clinic & Shelter to cover all areas of our

target audience.

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

We have bilingual staff and volunteers to answer questions, written forms/materials available in both English and Spanish, and staff and volunteers are trained to educate individuals based on each person's ability to comprehend the information. LaBelle Animal Control, Caloosa Humane Society staff, and volunteers will be transporting animals from the designated location via county vehicles, company, and personal vehicles.

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.

Havahart live animal traps will be placed in the designated free-roaming community cat colony sites by Caloosa Humane Society Staff, City of Labelle Animal Control, and volunteers. Trappers will receive environmental awareness training and sign a liability release prior to being allowed to place and retrieve traps. Traps will be placed at dusk on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, and checked on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings respectively at dawn. Traps containing cats that do not already have an ear tip will be transported to Caloosa Humane Society Veterinary Clinic where they will be assessed by the veterinarian. Our veterinarian has taken part in TNR programs in Fort Myers, FL and Philadelphia, PA, and will perform her visual exam as previously trained. Cats that have been deemed healthy and suitable for TNR will be sedated through the trap by a veterinary technician. Our veterinary technicians have already been trained to sedate through traps/crates and to use pole syringes for feral and fractious cats seen by our veterinary clinic. Cats that are not healthy enough to undergo TNR will be further assessed by the veterinarian and treated accordingly as decided by Caloosa Humane Society and City of Labelle Animal Control. Once TNR cats are processed and sterilized, they will be returned to their trap to recover. Traps will be placed on a warming area (commonly called beaches) and monitored by a technician throughout the recovery process. After a cat is fully recovered as decided by the veterinarian, the cat will be transported at dusk in its trap by one of the trappers listed above to its original trapped location.

Veterinary Services

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

Caloosa Humane Society has one full-time veterinarian on staff and has relief veterinarians on call to carry out terms of the grant.

Are they: In-House Veterinarian Outside Clinic Combination

Participating veterinary practices if surgeries will not be performed in-house:

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
Range for Male Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$37.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$37.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$92.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$92.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<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?
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 type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Parasite Medication	<input type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" 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 mandatory pain medication and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.

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

Ear tipping will be covered by the Caloosa Humane Society. \$2 of the Rabies vaccination cost will be covered by the grant with remaining covered by the Caloosa Humane Society.

Is this a voucher program? No

If so, how will you assure utilization of 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 number redeemed for spay/neuter surgeries?

Community Collaboration

Florida Animal Friend values community/inter-agency collaboration. 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
Caloosa Belle Newspaper	Advertisement
LaBelle Animal Control	Collaboration, advertisement, trapping, and transporting.
LaBelle Chamber of Commerce	Advertisement
United Way of Hendry	Advertisement

Other Information

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

This program is a necessity in our community to help control the ever-growing cat population.

Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

Cats: 350 **Dogs:** 0

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$64.50

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

\$2 of the Rabies vaccine will be covered by the grant with remaining covered by Caloosa Humane Society. Ear tipping will be covered by Caloosa Humane Society.

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

Proceeds from fundraising and donations will be used to cover cost of marketing and transportation.

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

98

Timeline

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: 10/01/23/ **Projected end date:** 06/30/24

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.**

Caloosa Humane Society has donors interested in matching funds raised by grants and fundraisers. With the pledges currently made, we would be able to continue for an additional 12 months.

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.**

Caloosa Humane Society will promote the Florida Animal Friend license plate through our website, social media, local newspapers, and printed advertisement distributed via Caloosa Humane Society clinic & shelter, local businesses, Caloosa Humane Society held events, and other organization attended events.

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

Unknown