Grant ID: 2111

Title of Proposal: Jayme's Mission

**Agency Type:** Non-Profit

Total Funding Requested: \$15,000.00

Check Payable To: Partners for Pets, Inc.

## **Application Information**

## **Demographics**

Name of Applicant Agency: Partners for Pets

Website
Address:
www.PartnersForPetsMarianna.com

City: Marianna

**Zip:** 32448

Fax:

Person Submitting Proposal: Trudie Cooley

Position: Shelter Volunteer

Person Submitting Proposal Email Address: trudcool@gmail.com

Agency Head: Judy Stanton

Agency Head

Email: judy720@gmail.com

**Organization Business Address:** 4011 Maintenance Drive

**State:** Florida

Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): 850-482-4570 County: Jackson

**Cell:** 850-209-7679

## **Agency Details**

**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 10/18/1996

**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/22 **End:** 12/31/22

Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year: \$264,411.44 Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year: \$254,658.17

Number of Paid Employees: Full Time: 2 Part Time: 3

**Number of Active Volunteers: 10** 

**Total Volunteer Hours per Week: 70.00** 

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How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition? Online search

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

applicable):

Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications: Years Funded: 2021 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 0

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

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1858	2019	spay/neuter	Denied (not completed)
1973	2021	Jayme's Journey	Funded
2111	2023	Jayme's Mission	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

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

Name	Title
Anna Griffith	Director
Beth Copeland	Director
Carol Johnson	Secretary
Felecia Dorchuck	Treasurer
Jayme Dill	Director
Jennifer Moyer	Director
Judy Stanton	President
Steve McCool	Vice President
Tonya Crutchfield	Director

#### **Applicant Qualifications**

Other

For your organization, in the last complete fiscal year:

245 cats and 295 dogs were admitted.

187 cats and 262 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.

Disaster services

6 cats and 9 dogs were euthanized. 108 cats and 152 dogs were sterilized	d.	
Briefly describe your animal programs:		
Stray/lost pet intake Foste	er program Wellness services to understar	nd pet owners Volunteer program
Owner surrendered animals Food	bank Cruelty investigation	High volume spay/neuter clinic

**Behavior counseling** Enforcement of ordinances

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.

Full service welness clinic

Jayme Dill has been the shelter manager since early 2019. She had been working as an animal technician and was promoted to manager when the previous manager resigned. Our treasurer and secretary assist with record keeping which includes the Shelter Management software program. Jayme has developed relationships with many other rescue groups: Wiregrass Animal Group (WAG), Lucky Puppy Rescue, Humane Society of North Central Florida, Sammy's Hope, Quincy's Hope, Kibbles & Kobers, Central Bevard Humane Society, Kitty Kottage, Castaway Cottage, Lucky Puppy Extension (NY), Faithful Friends, Ana's Angels, Socks and others. She knows the value of working together to get the job done. Recently she arranged a transport for a dog whose owners were involved in a fatal accident in Marianna. Cooper was reunited with his extended family in Texas because of Jayme's efforts. Her Facebook post raised the funds in order to hire Speedy Gonzales Animal Transport to send him home.

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

The shelter manager operates a monthly transport to Wiregrass Spay Neuter Alliance in Dothan, AL. Open spots are offered to residents on a first come basis. These folks also have the option to apply yearly for a \$40 voucher from Jackson County to reduce the expense: one dog or two cats per year.

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

**Cats:** 105 **Dogs:** 95

Lost and found program

Adoption program

## Target Population

Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc.):	Marianna, Jackson County and surrounding areas
Total human population in target area:	48,067
Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:	14
Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):	14566
Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):	12017
Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):	8012
Number of cats admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A
Number of dogs admitted to animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A
Number of cats euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A
Number of dogs euthanized in animal control shelters in the target area last year (if known)	N/A

Please explain if you believe your target area animal population is significantly different than above.  In addition to Jackson County, we serve surrounding counties because of our no-kill status. The total human population is higher but we cannot calculate it precisely.
Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area: Public apathy, uneducated population, widespread poverty, residents who allow their unaltered pets to roam, lack of a local licensing of pets program.
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?
There are two veterinarians located in Marianna & one in Chipley, 20 miles away. Their fees are much too high for many of our residents to afford so they do nothing.
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)?

Help low-income residents break the cycle of litter after litter & change their mindset of nothing can be done because they are poor. Continue to trap-neuter-return the feral or free roaming cats in our area. Encourage citizens, especially good Samaritans to help with this project by accepting animals that they bring to us for alteration.

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

We rely solely on public support in our mission to reduce overpopulation and to operate the shelter. We receive only two small stipends yearly from the city of Marianna (\$500) & Jackson County \$1,000) which are totally inadequate because of the services we provide to the residents. This is an economically challenged area made worse by Hurricane Michael and the pandemic. Our population has decreased and many buinesses have shuttered their doors.

#### Methods

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

People come to the shelter for help because they trust Jayme. She determines their eligibility from her conversation with them. Plus she requires that the female animal be surrendered temporarily for sterilization to stop the endless cycle of more unwanted litters.

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

We advertise the Florida Animal Friend license plate program on our bulletin board in our local Walmart which includes verbiage regarding over-population. We encourage our board, members and volunteers to purchase the cause specific plate when renewing their vehicle registration. We currently have 4 of them. We publish articles in the local newspaper, The Jackson County Times, weekly called A Tale of Tails, where we include our message of spay & neuter and "adopt, don't shop" often. One article a few months back, featured your organization exclusively. We also have a T-shirt for purchase, It's Hip to Snip, Spay & Neuter.

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

The shelter provides the monthly transportation to a low-cost clinic but are required to go out of state. It is the closest one to our shelter. We preach spay and neuter at local events and include the reason for overpopulation and the suffering it often causes.

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.

## **Veterinary Services**

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

Jayme has an agreement with Wiregrass Spay & Neuter Alliance for one transport on the last Wednesday of each month. Most of our surgeries are done there. It is an as-needed arrangement with local veterinarians for sterilizations, vetting and emergencies. Jayme uses Facebook posts to raise money to cover these expenses. We use Panhandle often because they have a larger staff and are on call with Jayme for urgent, life-saving care. We hope to add our own low-cost clinic at our new facility when we move to our new location this year. This service is sorely needed in this area and because it will be a local option we feel more residents will take advantage to sterilize their pets. I will attach fee schedules for two practices separately. The third, Marianna Animal Hospital, charges \$143 cat neuter & \$162 cat spay. Canine charges are based on the weight of the animal. No local vets give us any low cost options.

Are they:	In-House Veterinarian	Outside Clinic	Combination
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#### Participating veterinary practices if surgeries will not be performed in-house:

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
Marianna Animal Hospital	2009 Jefferson Street	Marianna	FL	32446	850-482-3520	
Panhandle Veterinary Clinic	900 Falling Waters Road	Chipley	FL	32428	850-638-4857	
Wiregrass Spay/Neuter Alliance	570 South Foster Street	Dothan	AL	36301	334-671-8111	<b>✓</b>

#### 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	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Range for Female Cats	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Range for Male Dogs	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Range for Female Dogs	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$70.00

		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 s	Required, Optional, or Not Offered	be marked: Required Yes, Fee to client No  Fee to Client?
Examination	Required Optional Not Available	● No ○ Yes
	■ Required  Optional  Not Available	No ○ Yes
Other Vaccination if Due	○ Required ○ Optional ● Not Available	No ○ Yes
Pain Medication	■ Required ○ Optional ○ Not Available	No ○ Yes
Parasite Medication	○ Required ○ Optional ● Not Available	No ○ Yes
HW Testing	○ Required ○ Optional ● Not Available	No ○ Yes
Feline Leuk/FIV	○ Required ○ Optional ● Not Available	No ○ Yes
County License	○ Required ○ Optional ● Not Available	No ○ Yes
Ear tipping	○ Required ● Optional ○ Not Available	● No ○ Yes
Microchip	Required Optional Not Available	No ○ Yes
Other	○ Required ○ Optional ● Not Available	No ○ Yes
vaccination.	<del></del> -	services, except for mandatory pain medication and \$2 per animal for rabies
	he procedures and fees described above: P pays. When we alter stray cats, ear tipping i	is included at no charge. We microchip in house.
Is this a voucher program? Ye	S	
If so, how will you assure util Because our funds are limited, an	ization of the program? y grant funds we receive will be utilization to the	he limit.
For your voucher program, ho yes	ow have you determined the capacity of t	he veterinarians listed above to handle the projected capacity?
Will you have the ability to re yes	port the number of vouchers issued and t	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?



Please list them and detail their level of involvement with the proposed effort.

Name	Level of Involvement
Animal Control	Animal Control brings the animals they pick up to the shelter. We hold them for 5 days and are paid \$11 per day. If they are not claimed, the animals are released to us.
Local Businesses	We can always count on local businesses to sponsor our events even in the midst of the current economic downturn. In 2021 donations exceeded \$15,000. Last year we awarded \$15,000 by The Rahal Charitable Trust, a charity founded by a local entrepeneur.
Local Newspaper	The Jackson County Times is our local weekly newspaper. They publish our Pet of The Week and articles, A Tale of Tails, written by one of our volunteers every week.

#### Other Information

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

We were awarded a \$10,000 grant in 2021 and completed the follow up reporting as required. The increase in our spay/neuter numbers shows that we are committed to our mission of reducing overpopulation in the animal world.

## Budget

Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:

**Cats:** 125 **Dogs:** 225

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

Average cost/surgery projected: \$43.00

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

Vaccines and microchipping expenses will be paid from our operating budget.

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

We have at least 2 big fundraisers planned for 2023. We will also continue to apply for other shelter specific grants as they become available. We will continue interaction with the Board of County Commissioners requesting that funding of the shelter become a line item in their next budget.

# What percent of the total cost of the program would this projected grant cover? 100

#### 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: 08/01/23/ Projected end date: 07/31/24

#### **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.

We realized that social media advertising can be a successful way to fund our mission in the future. We hope to use sources at our local Chipola College to help us develop a plan that will increase donations. We will continue to make our presence known in the community by participating in as many local events as possible. We will continue to publish our weekly articles and Pet of The Week notices. We will continue to maintain our bulletin board at Walmart. We will continue to apply for any applicable grants because for us "It's All About The Animals."

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 will continue to promote the Animal Fund license plate programs in our newspaper articles, in Facebook posts, on our Walmart bulletin board and at our community events. We will also encourage our members to get one when they renew their vehicle registration.

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

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