

Grant ID: 2201

**Title of Proposal:** SNipPit Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program

**Agency Type:** Non-Profit

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

**Check Payable To:** Saving with Soul Pet Rescue

## Application Information

### Demographics

**Name of Applicant Agency:** Saving with Soul Pet Rescue

**Website Address:** 5202 Brookwood Lane

**Person Submitting Proposal:** Jennifer Hagedorn

**Position:** President

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**Agency Head:** Jennifer Hagedorn

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**Organization Business Address:** 5202 Brookwood Lane

**City:** Crestview

**State:** Florida

**Zip:** 32539

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**County:** Okaloosa

**Cell:**

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### Agency Details

**EIN:** 820788803

**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 03/13/2017

**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 01/01/23 **End:** 12/31/23

**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$814,177.00

**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$557,298.00

**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 8 Part Time: 1

**Number of Active Volunteers:** 200

**Total Volunteer Hours per Week:** 500.00

**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Familiar with license plates, emails received

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

**Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2018

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

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1820	2019	Doing Our Part to Reduce Unwanted Dogs & Cats in Okaloosa County	Denied
2201	2024	SNipPit Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program	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
Dawn Fallon	Vice President
Diane Brown	Secretary/Treasurer
Jennifer Hagedorn	President

**Applicant Qualifications**

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

**741 cats and 922 dogs were admitted.**

**547 cats and 778 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.**

**30 cats and 10 dogs were euthanized.**

**600 cats and 500 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.**

In early 2024 our rescue opened the only low-cost spay/neuter clinic in Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Escambia Counties. We have received tremendous community support and are fully staffed both in the clinic and the rescue. We have one full-time high-volume specialist veterinarian and two part-time veterinarians committed to the clinic. The clinic is housed in one of our rescue facilities which is staffed with full-time employees, including our rescue president. Our veterinarian has years of experience in one of Florida's highest volume spay/neuter clinic, and is widely regarded as one of the best (and fastest) high-volume surgeons. Our rescue president has 14 years of shelter and rescue experience, and has coordinated a spay/neuter transport program since 2017. We also have a key staff member who previously managed a local shelter.

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

In early 2024 we opened our low-cost spay/neuter clinic in Baker, Florida (Okaloosa County). We spay, neuter and vaccinate dogs, pet cats, feral cats and even rats. We are able to sterilize at least 200 animals per week.

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

Cats: 0 Dogs: 0

Target Population

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc. Be as specific as possible.):</b>	Okaloosa County, FL
<b>Total human population in target area:</b>	216482
<b>Percent of residents living below poverty in target area:</b>	8%
<b>Estimated number of pet cats in target area (human population divided by 3.3):</b>	65601
<b>Estimated number of pet dogs in target area (human population divided by 4.0):</b>	54121
<b>Estimated number of free-roaming community cats in target area (human population divided by 6.0):</b>	36081
<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
<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>	Lack of local, available & affordable spay/neuter services.
<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>	

Other than retail vets, the nearest low-cost spay/neuter facilities are in Panama City, FL, Dothan, AL and Mobile, AL. All at least 90 minutes from our target area. And these facilities are booked out months in advance.

**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.** **EAR-TIPPING IS REQUIRED**  **Other**

## Objectives

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

Currently, the dogs in our local animal shelters consist of more than 50% pitbull and bully breeds. That percentage is likely closer to 75%. Every animal shelter houses multiple litters of pitbull and bully breed puppies at all times. We hope to dramatically and noticeably reduce the number of pitbull and bully breed litters born in our county by the end of 2025.

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

In early 2024, our organization opened a low-cost spay/neuter clinic in Okaloosa County. We are able to sterilize at least 60 dogs per week (plus 140 cats). While we will serve the general public, including other rescues and shelters, we have a particular focus on helping low-income families sterilize their pitbull and bully breed dogs with an aggressive voucher program.

## Methods

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

We will err on the side of being "too" generous with our vouchers as opposed to not being generous enough. If we feel a family needs help sterilizing a pitbull or bully breed dog, we will give them a voucher.

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

We will coordinate with local animal control agencies, veterinarians and other rescues to connect with our target audience. At some point we may advertise the program to the public but for now we will rely on these partnerships to identify eligible recipients.

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

We are committed to helping everyone who needs help to access our services. Local animal control has agreed to coordinate communication and transport in the communities they serve.

### **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.**

Local animal control agencies have agreed to coordinate transportation of animals from their communities to our facility. They will be given liability waivers for signature that protect both them and our clinic. Our group will not be providing transportation at this time.

## Veterinary Services

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

We operate the only low-cost spay/neuter clinic in Okaloosa County and have contracted exclusively with a vet team who is licensed out of our clinic.

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="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Range for Male Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$72.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$72.00"/>
Range for Female Dogs	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$72.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$72.00"/>

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 type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
<b>Pain 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="\$10.00"/>
<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="\$10.00"/>
<b>HW Testing</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>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

**Ear tipping\***  Required  Optional  Not Available  No  Yes

**Microchip**  Required  Optional  Not Available  No  Yes

**Other**  Required  Optional  Not Available  No  Yes

**\* = REQUIRED by grant**

**None of the anticipated grant funds can be used for any of the above services, except for mandatory pain medication, ear-tipping and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.**

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

Other - we will include an e-collar with all surgeries.

**Is this a voucher program?** Yes

**If so, how will you assure utilization of the program?**

We will work with animal control agencies, veterinaries and other rescues to distribute vouchers generously to families who express a desire to have their pitbull and bully breed dogs sterilized.

**For your voucher program, how have you determined the capacity of the veterinarians listed above to handle the projected capacity?**

Our vet is a trained high-volume spay/neuter surgeon. She can sterilize up to 40 dogs per day, depending on size of the dogs on the schedule. We expect to bring on a second high-volume vet in 2024.

**Will you have the ability to report the number of vouchers issued and the number redeemed for spay/neuter surgeries?**

Yes.

## 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
Crestview Animal Services	High involvement - CAS is committed to helping any way they can to distribute vouchers, encourage participation and transport dogs. They will also be using the facility for their TNR program.
Panhandle Animal Welfare Society(PAWS)	Still in discussion with PAWS but we expect a similar level of involvement as with Crestview Animal Services.
Santa Rosa County Animal Services	We are in the early phases of discussion with SRCAS.

## Other Information

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

Our basic goal and commitment is to bring in as many pitbulls and bully breeds from low-income families as we can handle in 2024, and beyond. We have the community relationships in place to efficiently facilitate making this happen. We have a team of more than 200 dedicated volunteers and a staff of 9 who will assist anyway they can to make the program a success.

## Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 0 **Dogs:** 700

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

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$36.00

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

Our package includes surgery, rabies vaccine and an e-collar. Crestview Animal Services has agreed to microchip their county's dogs at their cost. If we find that there are other services regularly needed we will discuss methods to get the covered, either by the client or outside donations.

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

We intend to run this program indefinitely, funded by other grants and an aggressive and comprehensive fundraising campaign.

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

50%

## Timeline

**PROJECTS CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL GRANT FUNDS ARE RECEIVED, usually before September 1.**

**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:** 09/01/24/ **Projected end date:** 08/31/25

### **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.**

Saving with Soul is fully committed to running the program indefinitely. We will apply for other grants, hold year-round project-specific fundraisers and solicit project sponsors. We have a loyal following of generous supporters and have no doubt we will be able to run the program year-round, until there is no longer a need.

### 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.**

Saving with Soul has two physical locations where we can display the license plate brochures; we also hold well-attended adoption events every single week where we can display them. If we are awarded the Florida Animal Friend grant, we will publicly thank the program multiple times during the project period, with updates on our number of project-funded surgeries.

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