

Grant ID: 2292

**Title of Proposal:** Spay Neuter Clinic**Agency Type:** Non-Profit**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** Nassau Humane Society

## Application Information

## Demographics

**Name of Applicant Agency:** Nassau Humane Society**Website Address:** www.nassauhumane.org**Person Submitting Proposal:** Chantel Scherer**Position:** Executive Director**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** chantel.scherer@nassauhumane.org**Person Submitting Proposal Cell:** 904-577-5119**Organization Head:** Chantel Scherer**Organization Head's Email:** chantel.scherer@nassauhumane.org**Organization Business Address:** 639 Airport Road**City:** Fernandina Beach**State:** Florida**Zip:** 32034**Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 904-321-1647**County:** Nassau**Organization Head's Cell:** 904-577-5119

## Agency Details

**EIN:0%"> EIN:** 592667141**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:** 05/02/1989**Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 10/01/23 **End:** 09/30/24**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$1,012,709.00**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$1,696,836.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 16 Part Time: 9**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: Year(s) denied/incomplete:**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
107	2009	Nassau Humane Society Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Outreach	Denied
237	2011	Spay/Neuter Outreach	Denied
1493	2015	Spay Fernandina	Funded
1626	2006		Denied (not completed)

1627	2007		Funded
1702	2017	Spay/Neuter Nassau	Funded
2105	2023	TNR & Access to Veterinary Care	Funded
2292	2025	Spay Neuter Clinic	Funded

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

- ☐ Municipal Agency with Shelter  
☐ Municipal Agency without Shelter  
☒ Private Animal Shelter  
☐ Private Animal Shelter with Municipal Contract  
☐ Public Spay/Neuter Services  
☐ Other Public Veterinary Services  
     Non-profit Agency  
         ☐ TNR Group  
         ☐ Rescue Group  
☐ Other

**List the current President of your nonprofit organization (Not required of governmental agency):**

Name	Title
Kathy Smeraglinolo	Board President

**Applicant Qualifications**

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

**404 cats and 526 dogs were admitted.**

**329 cats and 510 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.**

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

**528 cats and 352 dogs were sterilized.**

**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.**

Our spay/neuter program operates through our mobile medical clinic with a dedicated team of two contract veterinarians and four veterinary technicians. The program is overseen by our Executive Director to ensure efficient management and impact.

**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 are working to establish an affordable spay/neuter program. Currently, we have only offered no-cost spay/neuter services at our shelter and to our community partners.

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

**Cats: 474 Dogs: 0**

**Target Population**

**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  
 ☐ S/N services where demand exceeds current resources.  
 ☐ Other

**Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc. Be as specific as possible.):**

Nassau County

**Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:**  
Education on the benefits of spay/neuter and lack of access to affordable spay/neuter services.

**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?**

Nassau Humane Society, Cats Angels and Nassau County Animal Services have been working together this past year to address the free-roaming community cats problem throughout Nassau County and this grant would allow this good work to continue. From April - December 2024, we spay/neutered nearly 500 free roaming community cats.

## Objectives

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

We aim to continue our focus on addressing the needs of community cats in Nassau County by providing spay/neuter services for an additional 500 cats in 2025.

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

Our primary focus will continue to provide services for community cats through this grant. Animal overpopulation continues to be an issue Nassau County and we will continue our work support Cats Angels and Nassau County Animal Services to help keep community cats under control through a successful spay/neuter program.

## Methods

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

We will continue collaborating with community partners to implement our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program, helping to reduce the overpopulation of community cats. Whenever possible, adoptable kittens will be placed through Nassau Humane Society or Cats Angels.

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

We won't necessarily advertise the no-cost spay /neuter program although we will work with community partners if they have an issue with community cats to trap, neuter and release. Through the Cats Angel volunteer program, they work hard to keep local community involved to alert when strays are spotted.

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

Both community partners and the NHS have transportation and the ability to set traps in areas where community cats are present.

**Does this project involve the transportation of animals by someone other than the client? If so, describe.**

This no-cost spay/neuter initiative is not offered to clients but focuses solely on community cats.

## Veterinary Services

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

Nassau Humane Society operates a full-service mobile medical unit, led by our dedicated surgeon, Dr. Niessen, DVM, to provide high-quality veterinary care to community cats, along with our own shelter animals. Dr Niessen is supported by three surgical vet technicians in this spay/neuter initiative.

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. This includes pain medication, ear tipping, and \$ 2 per animal for rabies vaccinations. Costs for licensing, testing, transport, etc. are not to be paid for with grant funds.**

	Amount Paid by Client	Amount Paid by Project	Total Amount
Range for Male Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input type="radio"/> Not Available	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Rabies 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
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 checked="" type="radio"/> Required <input type="radio"/> Optional <input 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 type="radio"/> Not Available	<input 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

**\* = REQUIRED by grant**

**Grant funds cannot be used for the above services except for pain medication, ear tipping, and \$2 per animal for rabies vaccination.**

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

n/a

**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
Cats Angels	Their volunteer network responds to the public in setting traps where strays/community cats have been spotted. They transport these cats to NHS on a weekly basis for TNR.
Nassau County Animal Services	The ACO officers at NCAS set traps in areas of known strays/community cats and bring them to us weekly for TNR.

## Other Information

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

This will be our second TNR initiative through this grant, as well as providing the vet services for Cats Angles and their grant for 2024/25. The NHS is committed to reducing animal over-population in community cats whilst working to implement the ability and facilities to start a similar low-cost spay/neuter program for public pets.

## Budget

**Total number of sterilization surgeries projected:**

**Cats:** 500 **Dogs:** 0

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

**Average cost/surgery projected:** \$50.00

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

General fundraising continues to cover the cost of medicines, supplies, vet tech time and supplements the cost of the vet, as well as maintenance and upkeep on the mobile medical unit.

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

100

**If not 100%, please elaborate.**

## 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:** 04/01/25/ **Projected end date:** 03/31/26

### 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.**

The NHS is developing a Medical Fund to expand our in-house facilities, increasing our capacity to provide low-cost spay/neuter services for public pets while enhancing care for shelter animals. Ongoing fundraising efforts will sustain the fund, and revenue generated from low-cost spay/neuter services will be reinvested to support no-cost spay/neuter for community cats.

### Promotion of Florida Animal Friend Spay/Neuter License Plate

**\*Applicants selected for funding are expected to actively publicize their grant in support of their spay/neuter program and promote the sale of the Animal Friend license plate. Publicity efforts should include press releases, newsletters, website links, and social media posts, among other strategies. Florida Animal Friend's marketing firm will provide assistance and advice, and partner with your organization to achieve coverage. 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 as part of their reporting obligations.**

If awarded the grant, NHS will issue a press release highlighting its impact and integrate the grant as a key message within our Medical Fund initiatives. This recognition will be featured in press releases, fundraising materials, and social media. Additionally, we actively promote the FAF specialty plate program in our Adoption Center and include information in adoption packets. The program will also be showcased semi-annually in our NHS newsletter to further raise awareness.

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

Unknown