

Grant ID: 2358

**Title of Proposal:** Targeted TNVR for Zip Code 34668**Agency Type:** Municipal**Total Funding Requested:** \$25,000.00**Check Payable To:** BOCC Pasco County

## Application Information

## Demographics

**Name of Applicant Agency:** Pasco County Animal Services**Website Address:** 19640 Dogpatch Lane, Land O Lakes, FL 34638**Person Submitting Proposal:** Mike Shumate**Position:** Director**Person Submitting Proposal Email Address:** mshumate@pascocountyfl.net**Person Submitting Proposal Cell:** 864-508-1378**Organization Head:** Mike Shumate**Organization Head's Email:** mshumate@pascocountyfl.net**Organization Business Address:** 19640 Dogpatch Lane**City:** Land O Lakes**State:** Florida**Zip:** 34638**Organization Business Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):** 813-929-1212**County:** Pasco**Organization Head's Cell:** 864-508-1378

## Agency Details

**EIN:0% "> EIN:** 59-6000793**Date of 501(c)(3) Incorporation:****Dates of Last Fiscal Year: Begin:** 10/01/23 **End:** 09/30/24**Organization Income in Last Fiscal Year:** \$1,583,989.00**Organization Expenses in Last Fiscal Year:** \$6,177,679.00**Number of Paid Employees:** Full Time: 52 Part Time: 4**How did you learn of the 2009 Florida Animal Friend grant competition?** Previous Recipient of the grant.**Year(s) of previous Florida Animal Friend grants (if applicable):****Previous Florida Animal Friend Applications:** Years Funded: 2017, 2020, 2023 Year(s) denied/incomplete: 2015, 2019**Auto-Generated (Previous Applications):**

Grant #	Proposal Year	Proposal Title	Status
1477	2015	Targeted Trap-Neuter-Return Program	Denied
1693	2017	Targeted Trap-Neuter-Release Program	Funded
1804	2018	Field Trap-Neuter-Release Program	Ineligible
1829	2019	Targeted Trap Neuter Vaccinate and Return Program Expansion	Denied
1900	2020	Targeted TNVR Effort for Holiday Fl	Funded

2096	2023	TNVR POP-UP CLINICS IN PASCO COUNTY	Funded
2358	2025	Targeted TNVR for Zip Code 34668	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):****Applicant Qualifications**

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

**3752 cats and 2338 dogs were admitted.**

**3256 cats and 2242 dogs were adopted, transferred, or other live outcome.**

**332 cats and 132 dogs were euthanized.**

**3228 cats and 1726 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.**

Pasco County Animal Services (PCAS) has a longstanding spay /neuter program for the public that support both low-income qualified personal pet sterilizations and a Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Return program called Spay Neuter in Pasco (SNIP). Both parts of this program are funded through the sale of pet licenses and co-pays in Pasco County. PCAS partners with local veterinary clinics to perform most of these sterilizations. PCAS also partners with other organizations that provide sterilization and trapping services for TNVR programs and conducts TNVR surgeries at our clinic facility. The PCAS SNIP program accounted for 320 dog and 464 cat sterilizations for personal pets in FY24 and 3,018 TNVR surgeries. These are sterilizations outside the shelter report numbers provided. PCAS is very much committed to pet sterilization in our community.

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

As mentioned above, we operated a Spay Neuter in Pasco (SNIP) program that has two offerings for the public: 1) Low-Income qualified pet sterilization program for dogs and cats; and 2) TNVR program for feral cats. These programs have co-pays (\$20 dog/\$10 cat for the low-income qualified program and \$5 for TNVR) PCAS also funds special TNVR surgery days at various local clinics to support the TNVR program for citizens as well as animal control cases.

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

**Cats: 3482 Dogs: 320**

**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

<b>Geographical target area (name of city, county, zip codes, etc. Be as specific as possible.):</b>	34668
<b>Please explain what you believe are the most substantial sources of dog and cat overpopulation in the target area:</b> This zip code is highly populated with a large number of low to medium income families and fixed income retirees in 20,652 households. This zip code contains many older homes and areas of urban blight. The feral cat populations have grown over the years as sterilization services are minimal and unaffordable to many residents. This is one of the primary zip codes in Pasco where many of our TNVR requests come from as well as animal control calls for feral cats.	
<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> Although there are several veterinary clinics in the area, most will not perform TNVR services for the public. These clinics are also expensive and beyond the financial means of many of the area residents. There is one non-profit clinic that primarily does low-cost TNVR surgeries. Most recently another non-profit rescue shelter has opened a S/N clinic and is participating in our SNIP TNVR program.	

## Objectives

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

We plan to target the 34668 zip code for TNVR services utilizing two non-profit S/N clinics to assist in the effort. PCAS now has a new position dedicated to our TNVR program: Community Cat Coordinator (CCC). The CCC will be coordinating with citizens, rescues, volunteer trappers, animal control and the S/N clinics to identify cat colonies and "hot spots" in neighborhoods with feral cat issues. With the \$25K requested funds our goal is to sterilize approximately 500 feral cats in this zip code. Outside of the grant we will also be targeting the zip code with SNIP funds and other funds as they become available to make the most impact we can in the neighborhoods. Our goal is also to educate those in the zip code on the TNVR programming available to them and identify the current cat colonies and populations in the area.

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

With the grant we hope to sterilize approximately 500 feral cats. We will also be targeting the zip code with SNIP funds and other funds as they become available to make the most impact we can in the neighborhoods. The goal is also to educate the community on resources available to them with the expectation that many more feral cats will be sterilized by citizens.

## Methods

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

All feral cats in the zip code will be eligible for TNVR surgeries. However, the zip code has previously been canvassed and "hot spots" for feral cats have been identified and will be the focus of much of the trapping and sterilization.

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

We will advertise through social media and a press release prior to beginning the trapping and sterilization in the area. We will deploy animal control officers, volunteers and trappers to the target areas for TNVR services a week before trapping begins. This allows teams to educate and discuss TNVR with residents and explain what will transpire. It also allows us to address any concerns about personal pets being affected.

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

We have our new CCC, rescue partners, trappers, and volunteer transporters to assist to remove most of the common barriers. We also have bilingual door hangers with contact info for notification and information. Our canvassing prior to trapping will hopefully help remove other barriers and provide opportunity for education.

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

We will utilize rescues organizations, volunteer trappers and transporters to assist in this effort as well as our team members. We will also encourage citizens to trap and transport to the TNVR clinics for sterilization and return to home of the sterilized feral cats.

## Veterinary Services

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

Both PAWS Vet Care and The Runaways Animal Rescue have veterinary clinics that will be performing sterilizations for this grant. They have set aside dates for larger surgery days in support of the program. PCAS also has two veterinarians and seven vet techs who will also assist with the TNVR surgeries at our shelter. We

Are they: ☐ In-House Veterinarian ☐ Outside Clinic ☒ Combination

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

Practice Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Lead Practice
PAWS Vet Care Center	11720 US Hwy 19	Port Richey	FLorida	34668	727-505-6048	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Runaways Animal Rescue	8020 Washington St	Port Richey	Florida	34608	727-753-8244	<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. 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="\$55.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$55.00"/>
Range for Female Cats	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$55.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$55.00"/>
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 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 checked="" 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:**

All cats in the grant funded TNVR program will be sterilized, ear-tipped, and receive a rabies. This will be provided by each clinic participating and is included in the \$55 price for each TNVR cat sterilized. PCAS will fund a FVRCP vaccination and provide it to each clinic prior to TNVR surgery.

**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
PAWS Vet Care Center	PAWS is one of our primary TNVR partners for sterilization services. We have long used their services in our SNIP program and are a proven partner. They consistently work with PCAS and provide additional surgery days/times as needed. They will be supporting us in this grant.
PCAS Volunteers	PCAS has multiple volunteers that will assist with the trapping and transport of feral cats to and from the target area. They will utilize vehicles from PCAS and work with citizens in the target area to identify areas of need, help educate and notify residents of TNVR services being offered, and document cat colonies and services being performed.
The Runaways Animal Rescue	The Runaways has long been a rescue partner with PCAS and actually had their beginning in TNVR services. They have recently opened a surgical clinic at their rescue and have become partners in our SNIP program. They will be supporting us in this grant as a primary provider for the surgeries. They also have trappers who will assist us in the targeted area.
Tip My Ear TNR & Rescue	Tip My Ear has been a TNVR partner with PCAS for a number of years now. They will be called on for assistance as needed to help with trapping, identifying feral cat colonies, and educating citizens.

## 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 a targeted TNVR effort for the 34668 zip code. PCAS has previously utilized the FAF grant to successfully target other areas of Pasco County such as the city of Zephyrhills and the Holiday community.

## 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.**

PCAS will fund FVRCP vaccinations for feral cats being sterilized under this grant. That cost is separate from any grant funding. PCAS will also be performing additional TNVR surgeries from the targeted area not charged to the grant.

**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:** 09/01/25/ **Projected end date:** 08/16/26

**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.**

PCAS will continue with our SNIP TNVR program funded through county pet licensing revenues, grants, and donations to the SNIP fund. The targeted area will continue to be serviced through animal control calls, citizens participating in the SNIP program utilizing our clinic partners in the SNIP program.

## 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.**

The Florida Animal Friends grant will be brought before our County Board of County Commissioners for acceptance which also accompanies a local press release. The FAF Grant will also be advertised on our website and through social media (over 40K followers). Flyers will be handed out in the targeted area which include recognition of the FAF grant.

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

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