



We are pleased to announce that Pinellas County Animal Services is a recipient of the Florida Animal Friend Grant. Our program aims to increase the number of sterilization surgeries above the current number by targeting communities that need it the most. To accomplish this we are partnering with the Humane Society of Pinellas, Operation:SNIP and the SPCA Tampa Bay Veterinary Center.

Although we offer low cost feline spay/neuter services for low income residents and discounted spay/neuter services for unsterilized, impounded dogs and cats we wanted to offer services to residents that own dogs and cats and whose income is considered low income and can't normally afford to have their pets sterilized. The lack of resources for spay/neuter services is the most common source of dog and cat overpopulation in our communities.

Many residents in our highly populated areas do not have access to transportation outside of public transit which does not accommodate the animals in need of this service and there are limited veterinarian clinics that offer low cost surgeries. Furthermore, a majority of residents in the County who have large dogs cannot afford large dog surgery.

Besides the lack of resources for spay/neuter, many residents in the target area do not have proper shelter facilities or enclosed properties for indoor/outdoor pets leading to unplanned copulation by neighborhood dogs and cats.

By partnering with our Animal Welfare partners in the county, we are able to offer low cost spay/neuter services to the poorest residents in our community which will benefit the residents and the community as a whole by reducing the population of unwanted pets into the future.

If you feel that you can benefit from this program please contact the agencies directly:

Humane Society of Pinellas - 727-797-7722, <http://www.humanesocietyofpinellas.org/>

Operation:SNIP - 727-595-1983, <http://operationsnipfl.org/>

SPCA Tampa Bay Veterinary Center - 727-220-1770, <https://spcatampabay.org/veterinary-center/>