

Levy County Animal Services

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For Our Friends the Animals Low Cost Spay/Neuter Initiative

Proposed Program Outline

*Low cost spays and neuters will be made available to citizens of Levy County who are of retirement age (older than 62 years) or low income status (determined by eligibility for other types of government aid). Proof of eligibility must be submitted with application. Proof must consist of a photocopy of a Florida Driver's License showing residence in Levy County, and proof of government aid unless over 62 years of age.

*Each applicant will submit a \$10 nonrefundable application fee along with the application. This fee will be applied to the cost of surgery at the time the animal is dropped off. If scheduled appointments are missed, the fee will be forfeited.

*Appointments will be scheduled on a weekly to biweekly basis. Appointments will be first come, first served. It will be the responsibility of the client to remember the appointment and to show up on time. If a client cannot make their scheduled appointment, it is their responsibility to reschedule at least 24 hours BEFORE the appointment date and time. Clients will be limited to two pets per month. Clients will not be allowed to have more than four pets total done through this program. Exceptions may be made for feral cat colonies, but arrangements must be made through Animal Services in advance.

*It will be the client's responsibility to transport the pet to and from Levy County Animal Services for the scheduled appointment. It will also be the client's responsibility to prepare the pet for surgery (i.e. fasting, defleaing, bathing, etc.). Fasting requires that the animal have **no food** (including treats) after 8 pm the night before surgery or the morning of surgery. Water over night is okay. Animals

that have not been fasted or that are excessively dirty will not be allowed to undergo surgery. Animals that are determined to be in poor health may not be allowed to undergo surgery. Animals with fleas will be given flea control at the expense of the client.

*Prices:

-Dog spays (up to 75 lbs)-\$55. Pregnant dogs add \$10. Dogs over 75 lbs are not eligible.

-Dog neuters (up to 75 lbs)-\$40. Cryptorchid dogs add \$15. Dogs over 75 lbs are not eligible.

-Cat spays -\$40. Pregnant cats add \$10.

-Cat neuters-\$25. Cryptorchid cats add \$15.

-Flea control (Capstar) less than 25 lbs add \$3.

-Flea control (Capstar) over 25 lbs add \$6.

These prices include surgery itself, a microchip (if not already done), and a rabies shot (if not up to date). Microchips and rabies shots **cannot** be declined. Prices will be discounted if pets already have these items. It is the client's responsibility to bring written proof of rabies if their pet is up to date. All other health care or surgical procedures will require a visit to a local veterinarian. Feral cats are welcome, but must be brought in a trap. Remaining fees beyond the \$10 deposit will be paid upon drop off of the pet. All fees will be paid with cash only.

*Two surgeries will be scheduled for each working day. Surgeries will not be scheduled on weekends or holidays. Animals are to arrive between 8-9 am and be ready for surgery. Animals are to be picked up between 3-3:30 pm. Animals that are not picked up before closing time at 4 pm will incur a \$20 per night boarding fee.

*At the time of discharge clients will be given postoperative care information, emergency information, and information about spay/neuter, vaccination and other preventative health care, and heartworms/intestinal parasites in an effort to further educate clients about proper pet care.