

# HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LOW-COST SPAY & NEUTER APPLICATION

NAME OF PET OWNER	
ADDRESS	APT
CITY, STATE & ZIP	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	
<p>IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS, PLEASE MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAID</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOOD STAMPS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HILLSBOROUGH HEALTHCARE PLAN</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SSI (SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS &amp; CHILDREN)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SECTION 8 PUBLIC HOUSING</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TANF (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NONE OF THE ABOVE (SEE BELOW)</p>	
<p>IF YOU ARE <u>NOT</u> RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM ANY OF THE PROGRAMS LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p>1) HOW MANY FAMILY MEMBERS LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD? _____</p> <p>2) WHAT IS THE TOTAL GROSS INCOME OF ALL MEMBERS LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD? \$ _____</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: IT IS UNLAWFUL IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO MAKE FALSE CLAIMS ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL CONDITION.</p>	
HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?	

	PET NAME	SEX	SPECIES
1		M F	DOG CAT
2		M F	DOG CAT
3		M F	DOG CAT
4		M F	DOG CAT
5		M F	DOG CAT
6		M F	DOG CAT
7		M F	DOG CAT
8		M F	DOG CAT

## APPLICANT AGREEMENT

**PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING:** I, the undersigned, do hereby consent to the pre-surgical immunization, if required, and sterilization of the pet(s) described herein and further attest the information contained herein to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand the sterilization and immunization given to my pet(s) is a contractual service performed by my veterinarian, and that Hillsborough County Animal Services is not involved beyond my acceptance into the program. I certify that I am the sole owner of the pet(s) listed herein. I authorize Hillsborough County Animal Services to contact any program under which I am claiming eligibility for the sole purpose of eligibility verification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### PLEASE READ

### QUALIFICATION

Applicants must be Hillsborough County residents to be eligible and must be able to provide proof of eligibility, such as a benefit card.

To qualify, applicants must be:

- A)** currently receiving benefits from Medicaid, food stamps, SSI (Supplemental Security Income), WIC (Women, Infants & Children), Section 8 Housing, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or the Hillsborough HealthCare Plan; **OR**
- B)** of low-income, as defined by the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines established by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (not to exceed 185% of the poverty level).

### APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete and sign the application and submit it to Animal Services (If approved, you will be mailed a voucher for each animal listed (**up to a maximum of 4 dogs and 4 cats per 12 month period**) and a list of participating veterinary clinics.)
2. Call one of the participating clinics to schedule surgery. Be sure to ask the veterinarian what additional fees, if any, you will be required to pay.
3. At the time of service, present the voucher to the veterinarian and pay a \$10 co-pay for each animal.

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

The co-pay covers the cost of spaying or neutering one dog or cat. Animals sterilized through this program that are not currently vaccinated for rabies are entitled to a rabies vaccination and tag at no additional cost. Animals must be sterilized through this program to be eligible for the rabies vaccination and tag.

The co-pay may not cover all fees. Additional fees may include, but are not limited to, blood work, anesthesia, painkillers, aborted litters, and waste fees. Any additional fees and/or services are to be agreed upon by the veterinarian and the applicant prior to surgery and are not the responsibility of Animal Services. Animal Services is not responsible for treatment of medical conditions discovered during sterilization.

Animals that are sick, in season (heat), pregnant, nursing or have any medical condition that will put them at risk may or may not be sterilized or may be subject to additional fees not covered under this program. Other risk factors include age and weight. The determination of risk will be made by the veterinarian.

For more information about the Low-Cost Spay & Neuter Program, please call (813) 744-5660 or visit us on the internet at: [www.hillsboroughcounty.org/animalservices](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/animalservices).

Applications that are incomplete or submitted without proper documentation will be returned. Please retain the information portion of this form for your records.

Mail your completed application, a copy of your driver's license or other photo ID and proof of eligibility to:

**Hillsborough County Animal Services**  
P.O. Box 89159  
Tampa, FL 33689-0402



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners

PLEASE DETACH HERE AND MAIL SIGNED PORTION OF APPLICATION

## Why Spay & Neuter?



Allowing your pets to breed contributes to the pet overpopulation problem in Hillsborough County. Just ONE female cat and her offspring can produce over 400,000 unwanted cats in seven years!

Spaying and neutering is part of being a responsible pet owner and having your pet spayed or neutered will not make it fat, lazy or less protective. Having your pet sterilized benefits you, your pet, and the community. County rabies tags are less expensive for spayed and neutered pets. In fact, there are many benefits to pet sterilization.

## What are the benefits?

Pets that are spayed or neutered:

- cannot produce unwanted puppies and kittens
- are less likely to roam or run away
- are less likely to bite
- are less likely to fight with other animals
- are easier to train
- are more calm and affectionate
- are less likely to spray and mark territory
- are less likely to develop serious diseases, including certain forms of cancer
- Pets that are spayed and neutered live longer, healthier lives.



## Spay & Neuter Q & A

- Q) What does spay, neuter, and sterilize mean?  
A) These terms all refer to the surgical procedure a veterinarian performs to prevent a dog or cat from having puppies or kittens. This is sometimes referred to as having your pet “fixed.” Females are spayed. Males are neutered.
- Q) When should I spay or neuter my pet?  
A) As soon as possible. Discuss with your veterinarian the appropriate age to have your pet spayed or neutered. This is often 4 to 6 months of age, but may be as early as 8 weeks.
- Q) How much does it cost?  
A) There is a fee of \$10 per animal that you pay to the veterinarian at the time of service.
- Q) What does the program cover?  
A) The program covers standard charges for cat or dog sterilization.
- Q) What does the program not cover?  
A) The program does not cover additional fees which may include testing, bloodwork, antibiotics, painkillers, treatment for diseases or infestations of any kind, declawing, immunizations, or any other procedure unrelated to the sterilization of the animal.
- Q) What about shots?  
A) If you have your animal sterilized through this program and your animal is not currently vaccinated for rabies, a rabies vaccination and tag are included in the program at no additional cost.
- Q) Can I still qualify if I only receive Medicare or Social Security Disability?  
A) You may qualify if your household income does not exceed 185% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.
- Q) What if my voucher expires before I am able to use it?  
A) If your unused voucher has expired, simply return it to Animal Services and request a new one.

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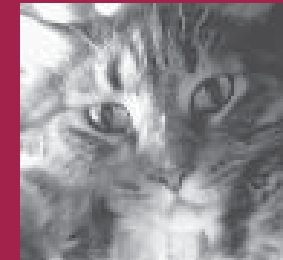


## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES LOW-COST DOG & CAT SPAY & NEUTER PROGRAM

you  
save  
lives



when  
you  
sterilize



## \$10 SPAYING AND NEUTERING

## FOR PETS OF LOW INCOME HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY RESIDENTS