

PREVENTION FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Form 1.3.1. (1.2021)

State of California

California Department of Food and Agriculture

Office of Grants Administration

**Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty
Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund Grant Application**

APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Applicant Organization Name: Santa Barbara County Animal Services	
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APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Select the applicant organization type:

- City Animal Shelter
- County Animal Shelter
- City Animal Control Agency
- County Animal Control Agency
- Prevention of Animal Cruelty Affiliate*

Local Public Agency/Agencies served:

- Humane Society Affiliate*

Local Public Agency/Agencies served:

**Note: A society for the prevention of cruelty to animals affiliate or a humane society affiliate must be under contract to provide all animal control services for a local public agency to receive funds. Additionally, a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals affiliate or a humane society affiliate shall be a California corporation, duly incorporated in the State of California, in active status, as described on the business search page of the Secretary of State's Internet website, and exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

2. Select how many dogs and/or cats the applicant processes annually.

Fewer than 5,000 dogs and/or cats (maximum award amount: \$7,5000)

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3. Does applicant currently offer an existing low cost or free spay-neuter service for dogs and/or cats owned by individual members of the public? Yes No

If yes, briefly describe the applicants existing spay-neuter program. Include historical information, statistics, etc.

Please see attached document.

4. If awarded funds, specify the total of additional animals (dogs and cats) the applicant anticipates processing? 200

(Provide a combined total using a whole number. Ranges will not be accepted.)

5. Describe how grant funds will be used to implement the spay-neuter program.

Please see attached document.

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CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

By checking this box, the authorized signer certifies that the applicant is current on 2019 reporting requirements with the California Department of Public Health, Veterinary Public Health Division Section.

By checking this box, the authorized signer certifies that the applicant offers an existing low cost or free spay-neuter service for dogs and cats owned by individual members of the public.

By checking this box, the authorized signer certifies that any funds awarded will be used to create an additional funding source for spay and neuter services and programs, not replace other funding sources for spay-neuter services/programs.

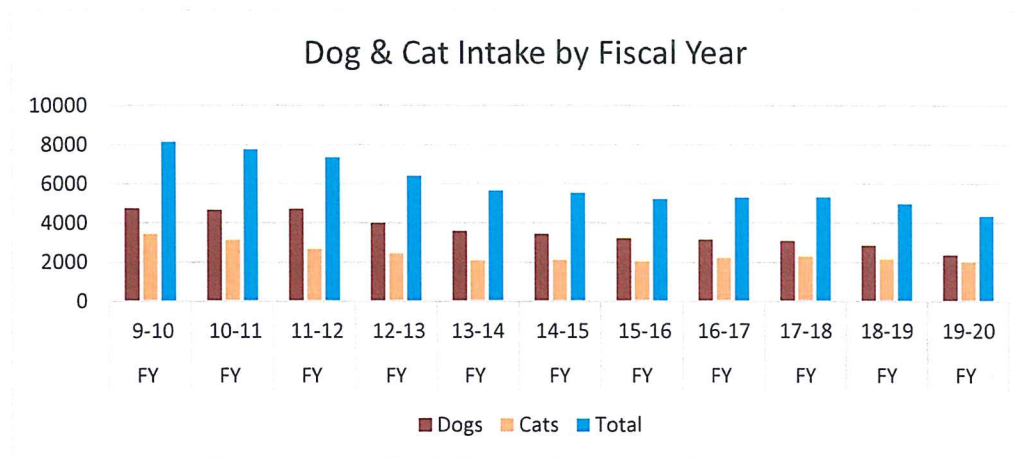
Authorized Signature:  Date: 03/08/2021
Printed Name: Jessica Ortega-Wiebe Title: Public Information Assistant

Santa Barbara County Animal Services – 2021 Animal Homelessness & Cruelty Fund (AHCF) Program Application

Santa Barbara County operates three community animal shelters in Santa Maria, Lompoc and Santa Barbara. The three shelters cared for 4335 total animals in FY19-20 in midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Santa Barbara County is compliant with filing the State Rabies Report each year and submitted for 2020 in March of 2021. This grant request is for \$7500 to assist dog and cat owners with fees associated with low cost or no cost public spay/neuter surgeries in Santa Barbara County.

Total Intake of Dogs and Cats at our Animal Services Program

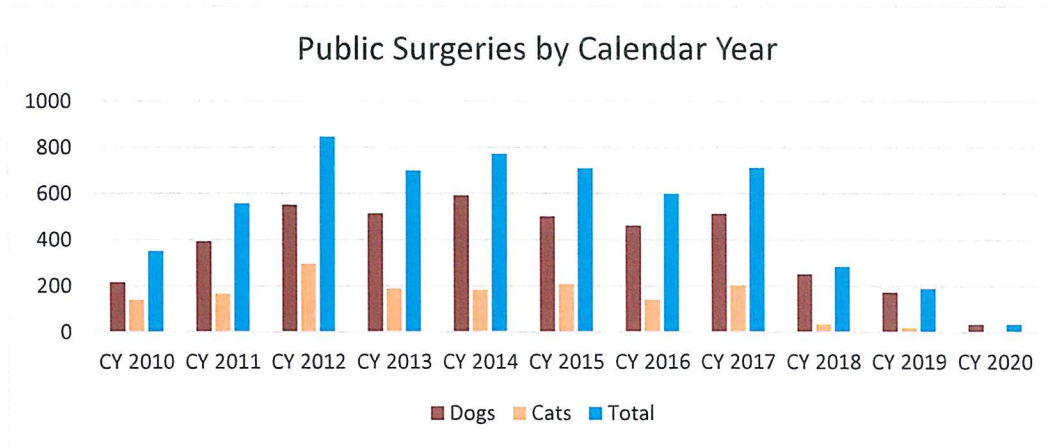
Santa Barbara County Animal Services has identified our public spay/neuter program as a key contributor to the downward trend of dog and cat intakes. We believe that our friendly and active outreach programs combined with readily available and affordable spay and neuter services for the public, subsidized when needed, have been critical elements leading to these improvements.



Spay/Neuter of Public Animals

In March 2010, the County began offering low cost spay/neuter services to the public at our Santa Maria Animal Center. A majority of the clients live in Santa Maria and the neighboring unincorporated areas. Nearly two thirds of Santa Maria residents speak a language other than English at home and more than 75 percent identify themselves as Hispanic/Latinos. Our bilingual outreach programs continue to positively impact pet owners and their animals by providing financial assistance for spay/neuter services, low cost vaccinations, and pet care information to the under-served areas of Santa Maria. Unfortunately in 2018, Santa Barbara County Animal Services had to close our public surgery center due to lack of funding and staff. We are looking forward to opening our low cost/spay neuter clinic in spring of 2021.

Our public spay/neuter clinic clients come from a variety of sources including our weekly low cost vaccination clinic, offsite licensing and vaccination clinics, Animal Control Officer referrals, owners redeeming their unaltered animals seeking reduced or waived fees, license program, weekly radio segments, monthly television segments, brochures, flyers' posters, social media, and word of mouth. A total of 5775 public dogs and cats were altered over the last eleven years.



Santa Barbara County Animal Services collaborates with other organizations through our partnerships with our local Humane Societies and non-profit agencies to offer affordable or fully subsidized spay and neuter surgeries throughout the county. Awarding of \$7500 grant from the Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund to Santa Barbara County Animal Services will allow us to continue our targeted spay/neuter programs for low income clients and provide ongoing subsidies to the residents in need.

*Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, operational changes to our veterinary clinic practice were necessary to meet the requirements under California’s state guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep our medical team safe and healthy. To date, we are happy to report that has been accomplished. While the number of spay-neuter surgeries dropped significantly this year as a result of both our operational changes and the stay at home orders issued by the state, we have also experienced a reduction in the number of pet owners who are opting to delay sterilizing their pets until the COVID-19 pandemic is over. We are hopeful to return to normal operations in the spring of 2021 so that we can continue to provide additional low-to-no-cost spay neuter services for the companion animals in our community.