



HUMANE SOCIETY

— N A P L E S —

## Spay and neuter assistant Program



Making pet sterilization affordable for low-income households

***"Our mission is to shelter animals in times of need, locate lifelong homes and to promote responsible pet-ownership through education, legislation and sterilization"***

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## More Pets than Homes

It's an unhappy fact that there are far more dogs and cats than their loving homes for them. As a result, thousands of these homeless creatures roam urban and rural areas trying to scratch out a miserable and often brief existence. Most dogs and cats will not survive to their fourth birthday, but in their short lifetime, they will face starvation, disease, parasites, injury, predation and a lonely often painful death. And the saddest part is that this needless suffering could be avoided if people would just have their pets spayed or neutered.

## Spaying and Neutering Pets

Spaying and neutering are simple veterinary surgical operations to sterilize pets, preventing them from producing offspring. With a female, spaying removes ovaries-her egg producing organs. For a male, neutering removes his testicles-making him unable to fertilize a female's egg. Experts agree that pet owners who have their pets spayed or neutered have made the single most effective contribution possible to controlling the unwanted pet population

## Benefits of Pet Sterilization

In addition to reducing the number of homeless and unwanted pets, sterilization has several additional benefits. Sterilized pets:

- **Do not wonder off in search of a mate**
  - **Have fewer fights**
  - **Behave better around familiar people**
- **Have no urge to frequently spray and mark their territory**
- **Less likely to emit noises and scents that annoy you and your neighbors and attract other animals to your property**

## Myths about sterilization

There are several misunderstandings about pet sterilization. One is that dogs will become less aggressive protectors after the operation. But dogs are by instinct quite territorial and will still be valuable protection after sterilization. Another myth is that all sterilized animals become fat and lazy. However, age, diet and the amount of time owners spend exercising their animals are true determining factors in their pet's appearance, attitude and behavior.

There is also the belief that females must not be spayed until after their first litter. It is actually better for the animal to be spayed before she has that first litter as this reduces the chance of her developing certain cancers later in life

## Assistance is Available

The Humane Society Naples wants to help low-income pet owners who wish to have their animals spayed or neutered. To be considered, individuals must document financial hardship. Those applicants who are approved will be able to have their animals spayed or neutered at no cost or for a greatly-reduced fee, determined by need. Those on disability or welfare are eligible to have their pets sterilized at no charge

## How to Apply

To apply for spay/neuter assistance fill out the form on the next page and return it to this address:  
The Humane Society Naples 370 Airport Rd. North Naples, FL. 34104

**BE SURE TO ENCLOSE A COPY OF TWO RECENT PAYCHECKS, RENTAL Receipt WELFARE, DISABILITY CHECK TO DOCUMENT INCOME AND EXPENSE ITEMS. ADDITIONAL PROOF MAY BE REQUIRED. COMPLETING THE APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ASSISTANCE APPROVAL.**



## THE HUMANE SOCIETY NAPLES

### Spay-Neuter Assistance Program Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Pet to be spayed or Neutered**    Cat    Dog /    Male    Female

How much are you able to contribute towards the spay/neuter operation? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Last name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Salary \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner's Monthly Salary \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Total monthly household income combined	\$
Additional monthly household	\$
Monthly Rent	\$
Monthly food (add \$300 per person)	\$
Other regular monthly expenses	\$
Total monthly expenses	\$

What is your reason for applying?:  Fixed income    Low Income    Unemployed  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**The Humane Society Naples reserves the rights to limit the number of animals sterilized for each household and to discontinue, suspend or change this program at any time**

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HSN Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_  Approved \$ \_\_\_\_\_ With Rabies vaccine    Yes    No

Declined / Reason: \_\_\_\_\_