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Spay/Neuter Assistance Program Application

Humane Society Naples is here to help make pet sterilization affordable for low-income households. It's an unhappy fact that there are far more dogs and cats than there are 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. The saddest part is that this needless suffering could be avoided if people would just have their pets spayed or neutered. Spaying and neutering are simple veterinary surgical operations to sterilize pets, preventing them from producing offspring. For a female, spaying removes her 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.

How to Apply
To apply for spay/neuter assistance, please fill out the form on the next page and email it to: snap@hsnaples.org OR mail to: Humane Society Naples, 370 Airport-Pulling Rd, 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 Benefits of Pet Sterilization
In addition to reducing the number of homeless and unwanted pets, sterilization has additional benefits:

- Do not wander 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
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.
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Please fill out this application to see if your household qualifies for Humane Society Naples’ Spay/Neuter Assistance Program.

Date: __________________________

Pet to be altered (check one): Dog ____ Cat ____ If multiple, how many pets? ____ Gender: M ____ F ____

How much can you afford for services? $ _____________________________

First Name: ___________________________________________ Last Name:_____________________________________

Spouse’s Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Employer Name: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________

Monthly Salary: $ ___________________________

Spouse/Partner’s Monthly Salary: $ ___________________________

Total monthly household income (combined): $ ___________________________

Additional monthly household income: $ ___________________________

Monthly rent: $ ___________________________

Monthly food (add $300 per person): $ ___________________________

Other regular monthly expenses: $ ___________________________

Total monthly expenses: $ ___________________________

What is your reason for applying for assistance? (Check all that apply)

Fixed Income ____ Low Income ____ Unemployed ____ Other ____

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

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HSN Representative: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Approved: Yes ____ No ____ $ __________ With Rabies vaccine: Yes ____ No ____

Declined: Yes ____ No ____ Reason: ___________________________

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