



Greenville County Animal Care

Helping People Help Animals

April 24, 2012

John W. Mays
Executive Director
National Animal Control Association
P.O. Box 480851
Kansas City, MO 64148

RE: Grant Application for the ID ME Animal Tagging Program

Dear Mr. Mays,

Please find enclosed the application for the above named grant from the Greenville County Animal Care facility. The print version of the application was completed online as much as possible. However, due to online formatting issues in the essay portions of the form, it was not possible to complete the essays online. Therefore, an Addendum containing the essay responses is enclosed with this application.

If any additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Simmons".

Shelly Simmons
Division Manager
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(864) 467-3953

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Services provided by Greenville County Animal Care

Field Services:

The Greenville County Animal Care facility provides housing for all pets impounded by city and county animal control agencies. This facility is the ONLY place in Greenville County for stray pet housing. Greenville County Animal Care is also, temporarily, the primary housing/care facility for Spartanburg County strays.

Shelter Services:

Greenville County Animal Care (GCAC) is an open admission shelter that accepts all strays and pets surrendered by owners regardless of age or infirmity. Every animal is given a clean, safe and warm place to stay with fresh food and water along with medical care, vaccinations and spay/neuter prior to leaving the facility through adoption or rescue. GCAC has established a Rescue Network that extends the length and breadth of the United States and in to Canada with all rescue organizations carefully screened. Transport Services are offered to area rescue organizations with additional connections to approved long-distance transport systems. Greenville County Animal Care also has a Foster Program that presently has 128 unique homes, as well as a Volunteer Program of 145 active members and growing.

Additional services at the Greenville Animal Care facility include: Low-Cost Veterinary Care and Spay/Neuter along with Low-Cost Vaccination Clinics (weekly) available to all low-income residents of Greenville County and all rescue organizations within the shelter's network.

Outreach Services:

Humane Education is offered through Classroom Programs by Greenville County Animal Care to schools, groups and churches regarding a variety of topics related to responsible care for and kindness to animals. The programs are tailored to age range, size of audience and topic requested. Educational materials are also provided to individuals or groups to help educate people on responsible pet care and other humane topics.

Shelter Tours of the Greenville County Animal Care facility are offered. Tours are designed for each group taking in to consideration what is best for the age of the participants and their interests.

The Greenville County Animal Care website <http://www.greenvillecounty.org/acs/links.asp> offers resource information about the Animal Control Agencies in Greenville County available to help animals in need, as well as a link to find pet-friendly housing opportunities to help families and their pet companions stay together.

On April 23, 2012, GCAC added a PET HELP LINE manned by volunteers to offer advice on how to keep pets happy in the home and to reduce owner turn-ins.

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Applicant Statement of Need

Greenville County Animal Care (GCAC) is the only full service, open admission animal shelter facility that serves Greenville County, South Carolina residents and their pets. No one is turned away. GCAC takes in more than 20,000 homeless and forgotten pets every year and works collaboratively with many animal welfare organizations and municipal animal control agencies to provide intake, adoption, spay-neuter and pet wellness services, humane education, fostering and volunteer opportunities.

Greenville County does not require dog or cat licenses. Without mandatory licensing, the number of animals impounded is increased due to the lack of a central data source for quick identification and return to owner. Those not reunited with their owners further tax the resources of Greenville County Animal Care, the county's non-profit shelter.

Greenville County Animal Care's greatest need and the objective of the ID ME grant are one in the same, to help reduce the number of animals entering the shelter. By tagging and collaring all animals that leave the shelter through adoption or return to owner, there are increased opportunities for the community to find and reunite pets and their people, while reducing the number of animal control pick-ups and impoundments into the shelter (thus reducing expenses, euthanasia, etc.).

The number of animals tagged and collared by Greenville County Animal Care during this project would be tracked in the PetPoint Animal Management System and reported back to The National Animal Control Association (NACA) as outlined in the grant.

Program Plan for Implementation, Data Collection and Grant Outcomes

Part 1 - ID ME tagging animals

All dogs and cats exiting the Greenville County Animal Care facility during the ID ME Tagging Project will be collared and tagged. The dogs and cats tagged will include newly adopted, returned to owner, and pets brought to the Animal Care Wellness Clinic for veterinary care by their owners. This data along with owner contact information, including telephone number, address and email address, is stored in the PetPoint Animal Management System by the Adoption Counselors and Customer Service Representatives.

Objective: To impact animal intake at the shelter by reducing the number of stray intakes.

Methods of Evaluation: To measure stray animal intake after implementation of the ID ME Project for a period of time specified by the guidelines of the ID ME Project Grant versus stray animal intake numbers, prior to the ID ME Project. This is accomplished through the analysis of PetPoint Animal Management data.

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Process evaluations are performed at regular intervals to ensure accuracy of data and project compliance by the review of PetPoint Animal Management data reports at monthly intervals for months one through four and every two months thereafter until the end of the project. This will be performed by the Division Manager or designee.

Part 2 – ASPCA Survey of current and new pet owners

To gather data on the attitudes of pet owners as specified by ASPCA in the ID ME research survey, the survey will be administered to all new adopters at 6-weeks post-adoption by the Adoptions Supervisor through email or telephone communication. Current owners are surveyed in person by Customer Service Representatives at the time of the animal's return to the owner. 6-weeks following the animal's return, the owner is surveyed by the Lost and Found Supervisor for follow-up to determine whether there are any changes in attitude and compliance with animal tagging. The Administrative Support Specialist will record the survey response data on an Excel Spreadsheet.

Objective: To survey as many owner recipients of ID ME tags as possible and help to improve the odds of lost animals' safe return home in the Greenville community.

Methods of Evaluation: To measure survey responses through the analysis of Excel data. All data collected will be turned over to ASPCA as directed in ID ME grant instructions.

Process evaluations are performed at regular intervals to ensure accuracy of data and project compliance by the review of Excel data reports at monthly intervals for months one through four and every two months thereafter until the end of the project. This will be performed by the Division Manager or designee.

Submit by E-mail

Print Form



Grant Application

Implementation of ID ME Animal Tagging Programs in 25 Municipal/County Animal Care and Control Agencies



Grant Application Deadline: April 30, 2012

Name of Individual Completing Application Shelly Simmons		Mailing Address	
Agency Name Greenville County Animal Care		Address	328 Furman Hall Road
Federal Tax Identification Number (Required) 576-00-0356		City	Greenville
Your Title Division Manager		State	South Carolina
Department Public Works		Zip Code	29609
Subdivision Animal Care		E-mail Address misimmons@greenvillecounty.org	
City Agency? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		Phone Number (Area code and number) +1 (864) 467-3953	
If Yes, List the City by Name n/a		Fax Number (Area code and number) +1 (864) 467-3294	
County Agency? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		If Yes, List the County by Name Greenville County	
Agency Budget Period (MM/DD/YY)		Current Fiscal Year Budget Revenue	
From	Through	Taxpayer Funded	Donation Funded
07/01/11	06/30/12	\$2,500,888.00	\$80,750.00
		Taxpayer Funded	Donation Funded
		\$2,500,888.00	\$80,750.00
Number of Impoundments/Returned to Owner for Last Fiscal Year		Services Your Organization Provides:	
Dogs	6,654 / 600	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Field	
Cats	6,759 / 123	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Shelter	
Livestock	0 / 0	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Outreach	
Other	84 / 9		
		Brief Description of Field Services: Please see attached Addendum - Statement of Services	
		Brief Description of Shelter Services: Please see attached Addendum - Statement of Services	
		Brief Description of Outreach Services: Please see attached Addendum - Statement of Services	
<p>The grant project consists of 25 grants of \$7500 each to governmental agencies across the country to cover the cost of engraver machine, ID tags and collars to participate in the ASPCA ID ME project. The grant recipients must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place these collars and tags on each dog and cat that leaves their facility, either through adoption or return to owner. • Agree to report back to NACA the number or animals that were tagged and collared during this project. • Be a Municipal/County Animal Care and Control Agency. 		<hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Applicant's Signature to Agreement of Grant Terms	
<p>The ID ME Animal Tagging Program Grant was made possible through a grant of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. NACA will not retain any of the grant monies donated by the ASPCA, and NACA will absorb all administrative costs related to the grant requirements.</p>			

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Please describe your agency and your need for this grant, to include potential outcomes.

Please see attached Addendum - Statement of Need

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