



Greenville County Animal Care

Helping People Help Animals

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To: Ruth Parris

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Re: *Best Friends Save Them All Grant Request*

Free Spay & Neuter Services for Low-Income Pet Owners

Greenville County Animal Care is requesting **\$49,668** in grant funding from Best Friends Animal Society through their "Save Them All" campaign to provide free subsidized spay and neuter services to low-income dog and cat owners, thereby targeting the population of pets that is most contributing to overpopulation, shelter crowding, and shelter deaths in Greenville County.

This project would provide FREE spay and neuter services for income qualifying pet owners at Greenville County Animal Care Clinic. The process will be simple and streamlined to qualify applicants, using existing guidelines we have used in the past for other subsidized medical services we offer to low-income pet owners. We intend to spay and neuter 1,000 pet dogs and 400 pet cats for FREE over one year with the funding that we are requesting.

This grant funding request will be used in 2017 to boost our existing Government Assistance Spay/Neuter service, which allows qualified low-income pet owners heavily discounted spay and neuter services for their pets at our Clinic for \$15 (cats) and \$30 (dogs).

This grant funding request does not require a matching grant from the County.