

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: December 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Animal Services Spay / Neuter

ATTACHMENTS: Animal Services Presentation

#### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Staff has prepared the attached presentation to update the Board regarding the spay / neuter program. The presentation includes a proposal to consider a countywide animal license program as one method of funding the spay neuter program.

#### COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED:

I recommend the Board consider the license program as a funding mechanism for spay / neuter, and task the Animal Services Committee with development of an ordinance to facilitate this program. The Board may also want to include restraint requirements to the Animal Service Committee's charge.



**Henderson County  
Animal Services**

**Spay/Neuter  
Program**

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Animal Services  
Spay/Neuter Program**

- **GOAL:**  
To develop a program that will allow financially challenged members of the public an opportunity to have their animal spayed or neutered at little or no cost.

**Spay / Neuter Programs**

- Several Programs already exist that the public may or may not be aware of.
- **Blue Ridge Humane Society**
- **Community Partnership for Pets**
- **Animal Compassion Network**
- **Animal Welfare Alliance**
- **Humane Alliance**

**Spay / Neuter Programs**

- **Blue Ridge Humane Society**
- PO Box 706 - Hendersonville, NC 28793
- Phone 828.685.7107
- Fax 828.272.0949
- [www.the-aarc.com](http://www.the-aarc.com)
- Offers free spay/neuter

**Spay / Neuter Programs**

- **Community Partnership for Pets**
- Mary Cervini 828.693.5172
- [cpforpetsinc@aol.com](mailto:cpforpetsinc@aol.com)
- [www.communitypartnershipforpets.org](http://www.communitypartnershipforpets.org)
- Provides financial assistance for low-cost spay/neuter

**Spay / Neuter Programs**

- **Animal Compassion Network**
- Eileen Bouressa 828.258.4820
- [www.animalcompassionnetwork.org](http://www.animalcompassionnetwork.org)
- Offers discount coupons on low cost spay neuter program at Humane Alliance

## Spay / Neuter Programs

- **Animal Welfare Alliance**
- Don Gladieux
- PO Box 533, Flat Rock, NC 28731
- Donated \$40,000 to 4 local vets to provide free spay/neuter.

## Spay / Neuter Programs

- **Humane Alliance**
- 231 Haywood St Asheville, NC 28801
- Phone 828.252.2079
- [www.humanealliance.org](http://www.humanealliance.org)
- Provides low-cost spay/neuter and pick up service.

## Proposed Animal Services Spay / Neuter Program

- In addition to working with each of these organizations, the Animal Services Committee proposes a special fund to assist families that are eligible for financial assistance through the county.
- Revenue for this fund can be generated through animal licensing, adoption fees, fund raising, partnerships, etc.

## Funding Options

- A license program will encourage the spay/neutering of pets by way of a fee schedule.
- A license will be more expensive if an animal is not spayed/neutered.
- Example- \$10 if altered, \$65 if not.

## Revenue Projections

- Based on 2004 statistics from the Animal Service Center.
- Dogs adopted-  $499 \times \$10 = \$4,990$
- Cats adopted-  $170 \times \$10 = \$1,700$
- Dogs reclaimed-  $141 \times \$10 = \$1,410$
- Cats reclaimed-  $70 \times \$10 = \$700$
- Total funds generated= \$8,800

## Fund Raising Options

- Additional Revenue could be generated with the purchase of an engraving machine.
- The cost of the engraving machine is \$3,250



## Funding Partners

- “I Care” is a state program covering a percentage of funds expended for spay/neuter programs. Reimbursement is based on the tier system.

## End Result

- Based on an average cost of \$65 per animal, 135 animals could receive 100% financial assistance through the spay / neuter program.
- Utilized in collaboration with spay / neuter programs of other agencies, low or no cost spay / neuter should be available to anyone needing assistance.

## Henderson County Animal Services

