

NH Plan for Adopters

[NH Animal Population Control Program - Plan A]

Available to New Hampshire residents who have adopted a cat or dog from an adoption center.

Costs: \$25.00-\$50.00 - Pet owners pay this fee directly to the veterinarian. Pre-surgery immunizations are not covered.

Procedure:

1. For adopters only.
2. For NH State Residents only
3. At the time of adoption you will be given a surgical authorization form; and a list of participating veterinarians from the adoption center
4. Choose a veterinarian from the list and call for an appointment.
5. Present authorization form and pay the \$25.00-\$50.00 fee to the veterinarian
6. The state reimburses the veterinarian for the remaining cost of the surgery.

NH Plan for Recipients of State/Federal Benefits

[NH Animal Population Control Program - Plan B]

Available to: New Hampshire residents who receive, or are eligible for, benefits from:

Food Stamps
Aid to the Needy Blind
Medicaid
Old Age Assistance
AFDC
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled

Costs:

\$10.00 - Pet owner pays fee directly to the veterinarian.
Pre-surgery immunizations are covered up to \$35.00.

Procedure:

1. For NH State residents only.
2. For pets you already own.
3. Obtain a Plan B application, and list of veterinarians from:
 - a. An adoption center;
 - b. the NH Division of Welfare District Office; or
 - c. the NH Department of Agriculture, APC Program, StateHouse Annex, 33 Capitol Street, Concord, NH 03301
Phone: 603-271-3697.
4. Complete Part 1 of the application and return it to the APC Program with proof of eligibility.
(It will be sent back to you.)
5. Call a participating veterinarian for an appointment.
6. Present Plan B application and pay \$10.00 to the veterinarian.
7. The state reimburses the veterinarian for the remaining cost of the surgery.

Spay Program for Mother Cats

[Solutions to Overpopulations of Pets (STOP)]

Available to: NH residents with a female cat (which has already had a litter or is currently pregnant) who do not qualify under either NH Plan A or B above.

Cost:

Pay full fee to the veterinarian.
Receive a \$25.00 refund from STOP after the surgery is complete.

Procedure:

1. Call or write for an application:
STOP
8 Fox Hill Road
Belmont, NH 03220
Phone: 800-990-SPAY
2. Once approved, have the cat spayed by any licensed NH veterinarian.
3. Send information to the STOP program to receive a \$25.00 refund.

NH Spaying and Altering Service Program (NHSAS)

[Solutions to Overpopulation of Pets (STOP)]

Available to: NH residents who need financial assistance.

Costs:

Dogs: \$70 (females), \$50 (males)
Cats: \$50 (females), \$35 (males)

Procedure:

1. Call or write for an application:
Ms. Barbara Bonsignore, Administrator
NHSAS
8 Hutchins St.
Concord, NH 03301
Phone: (603) 224-1361 OR 1-800-990-7729
2. Mail in application with appropriate fee and you will be sent a certificate and list of participating veterinarians.
3. Call and make an appointment with a participating veterinarian NHSAS has yard sales throughout the summer and is always in need of items to sell. To donate, contact: Barbara Bonsignore.

NHSAS needs help with recruiting veterinarians to participate in this program and with putting up low cost spay/neuter posters.

**LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER ALTERNATIVES
FOR PETS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS**

SPAY/USA

The following is excerpted from the website: www.spayusa.org. SPAY/USA, a program of The Pet Savers Foundation, is a nationwide network and referral service for affordable spay/neuter services. Our goal is to reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs and to stop their suffering. Anyone who needs assistance finding low-cost spay/neuter services can benefit from SPAY/USA! Help us end pet overpopulation!

Phone: 1-800-248-SPAY

Hours: Monday-Friday from 9am to 4:30 pm, EST.

Friends of Animals Program

<http://www.friendsofanimals.org>

Available to:

Any cat or dog owner regardless of financial need.

Costs:

Dogs: \$75 (females), \$54 (males)
Cats: \$55 (females), \$40 (males)

Procedure:

1. Call for, write for, or download an application:
Friends of Animals,
PO Box 30054,
Hartford, CT 06150
Phone: 1-800-321-PETS (800-321-7387)
<http://www.friendsofanimals.org>
2. Mail in application with appropriate fee.
3. Upon receipt of certificate, make an appointment with any participating veterinarian. (A list will be sent with your application.)

The Pet Over-Population Pyramid



1st Year: 3 litters = 12 Offspring
2nd Year: Could be 144+ Offspring
3rd Year: Could be 1728+ Offspring

Just one un-sterilized female cat and her offspring can produce 20,000 kittens in only 4 years.

Just one un-sterilized female dog and her offspring can produce 4,000 puppies in only 7 years.

Why You Should Spay or Neuter Your Pet?

What do "spay" and "neuter" really mean?

Female dogs and cats are spayed by removing their reproductive organs, and male dogs and cats are neutered by removing their testicles. In both cases the operation is performed while the pet is under anesthesia. Depending on your pet's age, size, and health, he or she will stay at your veterinarian's office for a few hours or a few days. Depending upon the procedure, your pet may need stitches removed after a few days. Your veterinarian can fully explain spay and neuter procedures to you and discuss with you the best age at which to sterilize your pet.

Spaying or Neutering Is Good for Your Pet

- ?? Spaying and neutering helps dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives.
- ?? Spaying and neutering can eliminate or reduce the incidence of a number of health problems that can be very difficult or expensive to treat.
- ?? Spaying eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer and greatly reduces the incidence of breast cancer, particularly when your pet is spayed before her first estrous cycle.
- ?? Neutering eliminates testicular cancer and decreases the incidence of prostate disease.

Spaying or Neutering Is Good for You

- ?? Spaying and neutering makes pets better, more affectionate companions.
- ?? Neutering cats makes them less likely to spray and mark territory.
- ?? Spaying a dog or cat eliminates her heat cycle. Estrus lasts an average of six to 12 days, often twice a year, in dogs and an average of six to seven days, three or more times a year, in cats. Females in heat can cry incessantly, show nervous behavior, and attract unwanted male animals.
- ?? Unsterilized animals often exhibit more behavior and temperament problems than do those who have been spayed or neutered.
- ?? Spaying and neutering can make pets less likely to bite.
- ?? Neutering makes pets less likely to roam the neighborhood, run away, or get into fights.

Spaying and Neutering Are Good for the Community

- ?? Communities spend millions of dollars to control unwanted animals.
- ?? Irresponsible breeding contributes to the problem of dog bites and attacks.
- ?? Animal shelters are overburdened with surplus animals.
- ?? Stray pets and homeless animals get into trash containers, defecate in public areas or on private lawns, and frighten or anger people who have no understanding of their misery or needs.
- ?? Some stray animals also scare away or kill birds and wildlife.

Spay or neuter surgery carries a one-time cost that is relatively small when one considers its benefits. It's a small price to pay for the health of your pet and the prevention of more unwanted animals.

LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER OPTIONS

For Pets of New Hampshire Residents



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