

CITY OF THIBODAUX SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to assist citizens who reside within the City of Thibodaux with the initial expense of essential health care for pets adopted from within the City of Thibodaux limits and/or from the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter. The goals of this program are to reduce the homelessness and the euthanasia of dogs and cats and to provide residents who wish to adopt stray and homeless animals with financial assistance to spay or neuter their pet.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The City of Thibodaux Requirements:

- *Provide up to a total of \$2,000 yearly as financial assistance to residents of The City of Thibodaux who wish to adopt an animal from within the City of Thibodaux limits or the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter and who meet specific requirements under the City of Thibodaux's Spay and Neuter Program.
- *Provide one \$50 voucher per animal, not to exceed two per household per calendar year.
- *Advertise the availability of the Spay and Neuter Program on the City's website.
- *Acceptance and approval of applications for spay or neuter vouchers by the Police Department.
- *Police Department contact must submit a completed, signed voucher to the Purchasing Office to obtain a purchase order for the approved veterinary clinic. Once the purchase order has been provided to the approved veterinary clinic, a copy of the purchase order will be sent to the Police Department contact.
- *A voucher showing the purchase order number shall be given to the qualified household member for the spay or neuter of the animal. The voucher is to be presented to the approved veterinary clinic and the applicant is responsible for any remaining costs.
- *Ensure that a maximum of two vouchers for qualifying households per year are not exceeded.
- *The Police Department shall compile and maintain all relevant documentation evidencing the qualification of all recipients of vouchers under this program.

The Recipient Requirements:

- *No income requirements.
- *Pet can be self-owned by a resident of the City of Thibodaux, a stray, or adopted from the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter.
- *A maximum of two vouchers per household per calendar year.
- *Voucher may be used in conjunction with a Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter voucher for the same animal.
- *Entire amount of voucher is to be used by the veterinarian.
- *Applicant must provide proof of residency within the City of Thibodaux limits (city utility bill, rental agreement, etc.)
- *Cannot use this program for a “Trap Neuter Return” (TNR) in the City limits.

The Approved Veterinary Clinic Requirements:

- *Only schedule surgery after receipt of the purchase order from the Purchasing Office via fax or email.
- *Send invoices, with purchase order number referenced, on a monthly basis to the City of Thibodaux, Attn: Purchasing Office, PO Box 5418, Thibodaux, LA 70302 for payment processing.

FISCAL FUNDING

The continuation of this program is contingent upon the budgeting and appropriation of funds in any fiscal period. If the City of Thibodaux fails to budget or appropriate funds or if funding for the program is reduced and the effect of such reduction results in insufficient monies for the continuation of the program, then the program may be discontinued.