



THE AIKEN COUNTY “NO MORE HOMELESS PETS”
SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM
INFORMATION SHEET

Objective: To help reduce the unwanted pet population and to help reduce the number of animals euthanized at the animal shelter.

Who Qualifies? Residents of Aiken County whose incomes fall within HUD Income Guidelines.

Aiken County Median Family Income :				HUD Income Qualification				
Family Members:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income:	\$43,700	\$49,950	\$56,200	\$62,400	\$67,400	\$72,400	\$77,400	\$82,400
Example: Family of 3 with a total yearly income of \$47,450 or less would be eligible for the program.								

How does the Aiken County Spay and Neuter Program work? An individual fills out an Application with basic questions about ownership, address, type of animal, description, etc. **The applicant signs the form testifying that their income falls within the Income Qualifications.** If qualified, the applicant receives a Voucher to have the animal(s) sterilized at an Aiken County veterinarian of the owner’s choice.

The owner calls the veterinarian of choice for an appointment for the surgery. After surgery, the veterinarian will submit the Voucher to the County for reimbursement according to surgery fee schedule.

What does the program provide? Aiken County will provide a “not to exceed” fee for sterilization surgery. **Charges above the “not to exceed” value shall be the responsibility of the owner.** If the animal is required to stay overnight or if there are complications, an additional \$20 per animal is authorized.

NOT TO EXCEED SURGERY REIMBURSABLE FEES

DOG SPAY.....\$120** **CAT SPAY.....\$80**
DOG NEUTER.....\$100** **CAT NEUTER.....\$60**

****base rate of 20lbs/+\$10 for each additional 10lbs**

The veterinarian/clinic is required to obtain proof that the animal has received its state-mandated rabies shot, and, if not, to vaccinate the animal. The veterinarian/clinic is also required to offer the option of microchipping the animal.

What do you do after the Application is completed? The owner brings the completed application with ID and another proof of residency to the Code Enforcement Department at the Aiken County Government Center located at 1930 University Parkway Suite 3400, Aiken, SC 29801. The staff will be able to process completed forms from: **9am-12pm & 1pm-4:00pm, Monday-Friday.**

After verification of County residency, the owner receives an approved “Voucher” worth a certain value based on the type of surgery to be performed.

What do you do with the voucher? The owner calls Aiken County veterinarian/clinic of his/her choice of participating clinics to make an appointment for the surgery. The owner gives the completed voucher that has been approved by the Aiken County Code Enforcement Director or his/her designee to the veterinarian/clinic.