

Facts

What is the Pet Overpopulation Fund? It is a fund that was established by the State Legislature to render financial support for pet sterilization for low income families and to provide educational programs on responsible pet ownership.

Where can I find information on the Pet Overpopulation Fund? Rules governing the Pet Overpopulation Fund can be found in Title 35 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; Chapter 15. Animal industry. Sub chapter 12. Pet Overpopulation Fund. (35:15-12-1). You may also contact the Administrator; Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association, P. O. Box 14521, Oklahoma City, OK 73113

How is the Pet Overpopulation Fund funded? The Pet Overpopulation Fund is supported by the purchase of Animal Friendly special license plates, state income tax refund check off program, and by donations.

How can owners apply for the low income sterilization program? Applicants will have to obtain and complete an application form. Applications can be obtained from the OVMA or the OVMA Web Site; www.okvma.org.

What constitutes a low income owner? Any Oklahoma resident qualified by verifying proof of a Medicaid Card , Social Security Award Letter, or an Electronic Balance Transfer (EBT) Card, which verifies eligibility in the Food Stamp, Women's, Infants & Children(WIC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families(TANF) or Day care programs.



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**Pet Overpopulation is a
Problem You Can Help Solve**



**Support the Oklahoma Pet
Overpopulation Fund**

Pet Overpopulation Fund

Purpose

The purpose of this state wide program is to address the pet overpopulation situation by implementing spay/neuter programs for low income families along with an educational program about responsible pet ownership. Statistics are showing that pet sterilization for low income families effectively reduces pet overpopulation. The Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association believes this is a win-win program because it addresses a societal problem, governing agencies win by reducing expenditures for animal control, and fewer animals will need to be euthanized. Applications are available through the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association, Administrator of the program, at 405-478-1002 or the website at www.okvma.org.



An estimated 100,000 unwanted stray animals are killed in Oklahoma each year because there are not enough homes for adoption. An effective method of reducing pet overpopulation is to provide surgical sterilization for pets that belong to families with low income

Effect

The Pet Overpopulation Fund will reduce the number of stray animals in Oklahoma.

The Pet Overpopulation Fund alleviates costs by decreasing:

- Incidents of human bites from stray animals,
- Capturing, housing, care and euthanasia of stray animals,
- Stray animals injured by automobiles, and
- Property Damage resulting from stray animals.

Funding

This program is funded by the sale of Animal Friendly License plates, income tax check off, and donations.

Two dogs and their offspring, if not spayed or neutered can produce 67,000 puppies in 6 years.



How to Contribute

- Purchase Oklahoma "Animal Friendly" License Plates
\$20 from purchase goes to Pet Overpopulation Fund

Applications available on OVMA Web site:
www.okvma.org
- Utilize Oklahoma State Income Tax Check Off Provision
Individuals can contribute in come tax refunds to the Pet Overpopulation Fund
- Donations
Mail contributions to:

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry
Animal Industry Division
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Save Lives: Spay or Neuter