



**A Proposal for
Establishing a
High-Volume, Low-Cost Spay and
Neuter Clinic**

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BACKGROUND

Consistent with the Board of County Commissioners' (Board) desire to reduce animal suffering and lower the number of homeless, healthy, and adoptable dogs and cats entering the county's animal shelter network, on May 13, 2014 the Board requested Staff to:

- Examine the feasibility of establishing a high-volume, low-cost spay and neuter clinic on County-owned property in partnership with the Humane Society of Broward County (HSBC)
- Identify possible locations for the establishment of such a clinic.

The Pet Overpopulation Problem



Unwanted dogs and cats are often surrendered to public shelters or become strays, suffering from privation and death, constituting a public nuisance and health hazard, or are impounded and euthanized at great expense to a community.

The number of dogs and cats borne in Broward County exceeds the availability of adoptable households. Statistics obtained from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) estimate an average of almost 35 percent of Broward County

households own at least one pet (dog or cat). Applying the AVMA's formula for estimating the pet population and percentage of pet-owning households, reveals that there are roughly 815,000 animals in 237,000 homes. Unfortunately, many of these pets are surrendered to animal shelters for various reasons or are released by their owners as strays. Unspayed and unneutered animals can produce multiple litters each year, further contributing to the homeless animal population.

Free-roaming cats, a by-product of unwanted or unsterilized cats, are a major contributor to pet overpopulation. Staff estimates that there are 332,957 free-roaming cats in Broward County based on the Feral Cat Project's mid-size city formula of .5 feral cats per household. While the actual number of free-roaming cats is fairly debatable, it is generally observed and accepted that free-roaming cats, both feral "untamed" cats and community "tame" cats represent the largest segment of the cat population that enter



our shelters. For this reason, free-roaming cats are a high priority, target population for a high-volume, low-cost spay and neuter program.

Addressing the Problem thru High-Volume Spay and Neuter Clinics

Combating the unwanted pet population problem requires multiple approaches. Communities across the country, concerned with reducing the intake of unwanted healthy animals at shelters, are witnessing a growing number of public-private partnerships for the purpose of establishing high-volume, low-cost spay and neuter clinics. While many spay and neuter services focus on owned-animals, such as the County's Stop Pet Over-population Together (SPOT) program, in order to achieve the greatest, most sustainable impact on lowering shelter intake and reducing associated euthanasia, successful reductions in birth rates within the free-roaming community/feral cat population must be accomplished.

Together, the County and HSBC shelters account for the largest intake volume of stray and owner-surrendered animals, roughly 30,000 animals annually. In order to realize an overall reduction in intake, the goal is to build a clinic capable of providing a significant number of sterilizations. An example of a highly successful clinic model is the First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP)



clinic located in Jacksonville, Florida. FCNMHP's clinic consists of a 16,879 square-foot office medical building and warehouse storage area.

The FCNMHP spay and neuter clinic is designed with a maximum clinic capacity of 200 daily sterilizations. The clinic routinely averages 2,500 sterilization surgeries a month, which equals 30,000 per year. The fees for spay and neuter services are set at \$25 for any cat and \$50 for any dog. The clinic also offers affordable pet health care and a pet food bank stocked by donations that provides low-income families access to free pet food.



FCNMHP's Annual Report states that since 2002 more than 150,000 pet sterilizations have been achieved in the First Coast area. Their website states, "When FCNMHP started our vital programs in 2002, more than 23,000 animals were dying in our local shelters. Now, that number is 2,150 – a reduction of almost 90%!" Exhibit 2 illustrates the marked increase in sterilizations and the corresponding reduction in animal deaths and total shelter intake from 2002 to 2013.

FCNMHP participates in a parallel companion program known as Feral Freedom. Successfully introduced in 2008 by the Best Friends Society, the Feral Freedom model has been credited with saving all healthy feral, stray and outdoor cats that enter the city's shelters. The Feral Freedom model combines established Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) efforts with another recognized program known as Return to Field (RTF). The distinction between these programs is TNR focuses on sterilizing cats that live in managed colonies, while RTF focuses on spay and neutering individual stray cats entering the shelter. If the stray cat is healthy, it is sterilized and returned to the point of pick-up, unless the cat has been determined to be a nuisance and then other locations are considered. Often supported by grant funding, there is a separate fee structure for feral cats including vaccines and other items, such as cat trap refundable deposits to facilitate community participation in trapping, sterilizing and returning free-roaming cats.



ANIMAL CARE NETWORK

Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division



Since the early 1950s Broward County has provided various levels of animal control and regulation services. In operation since the early 1980s, the County's animal shelter and adoption facility is currently located at 1870 SW 39 Street on the Fort Lauderdale Airport Perimeter Road. The 20,600-square-foot facility houses the agency's administrative offices as well as 88 open-air

kennels/runs, 119 cages and a small animal clinic with one operating station. Two County veterinarians perform more than over 4,500 sterilizations annually on shelter animals. Additionally, the County facilitates sterilization of animals owned by income-eligible households, through the SPOT program. The County also has been successful in obtaining grants for the sterilization of feral and community cats by private providers in targeted zip codes. The County does not own a mobile spay and neuter unit.



Broward's shelter is capable of holding between 300 and 400 animals. The facility is under the management of a division director who oversees 69 staff members and approximately 108 volunteers helping with the various programs and events. The mission of today's Animal Care and Adoption Division (ACAD) is to reunite lost pets with owners, provide shelter, promote successful adoptions for unclaimed animals and enforce ordinances and regulatory requirements to protect the health and safety of animals and the public.



ACAD Stray Hold Kennel Runs

ACAD's FY2014 operating budget is \$5,389,110, which is a 24% increase over FY2013. The agency increased by 11 new positions, primarily to assist with field and regulatory operations relating to the increased concern for stray dogs, especially along the Miami-Dade/Broward County boundary. Intake at the County's shelter averages between 17,000 and 20,000 annually. In FY2013, ACAD achieved a successful live outcome for 8,385 animals through transfer to rescue partners, return-to-owner initiatives, the "Free-Ride-Home" program and direct adoption programs. While 69 percent of puppies and dogs have a successful live release (rehomed, adopted or rescued), the feral/community cats continue to suffer from having the lowest live release rate of approximately 6 percent.



Feral cat TNR transfer cages

The County is in the final stages of design for the construction of a new, completely air-conditioned, 40,000-square-foot shelter on a 6-acre parcel located at 2400 SW 42nd Street in Unincorporated Broward County. Anticipated groundbreaking takes place in January 2015, with an estimated occupancy by January 2016. The new shelter has a programmed capacity of care for a total of 400 dogs and cats with ancillary space for support programs and outreach services, including a wellness clinic. The shelter is designed to accommodate all ACAD staff in one location.



Exterior Design of the Future Animal Care and Adoption Center



Interior Lobby Design of the Future Animal Care and Adoption Center

As a point of information, the County was strategically selected to house one Mobile Animal Response Equipment (MARE) unit owned by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for deployment in the South Florida region by the State Agricultural Response Team (SART.) SART is a multi-agency coordination group consisting of governmental and private entities dedicated to strengthening all-hazard disaster capabilities through partnerships. Florida SART provides support to facilitate coordinated incident response for the animal and agricultural sectors in the State of Florida.



One of only seven units in the entire state, the MARE unit is a 16-foot open-sided, steel livestock trailer stocked with small animal response necessities purchased through a Homeland Security Grant. The trailer is stocked with plastic airline-approved animal crates and supporting equipment such as leashes, feeding and water bowls.

The County is responsible for light maintenance and storing the vehicle out of the weather. It is located in proximity to the closed North Animal Shelter which has been designated as a Long-term Animal Recovery Center in the event of a disaster or a significant animal cruelty or hoarding investigation.

Humane Society of Broward County



The HSBC mission is to provide shelter, aid and responsible adoptions to animals entrusted to its care, and educate the community about respect and kindness to all animals. Incorporated in 1944, the HSBC is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization that is governed by a board of trustees and 30 board members. Daily operations are directed by a president/chief executive officer. The administrative offices are co-located at 2070 Griffin Road in Dania Beach, with the recently renovated 35,000-square-foot, completely air-conditioned shelter known as the Marti

Huizenga Animal Shelter. The facility has the capacity to house a combined total of 400 dogs and cats. In FY 2013, the HSBC was successful in finding homes for nearly 9,000 displaced and owner-surrendered animals, and attracted over 150,000 patrons. Annual intake at the shelter has ranged from 10,400 to 15,600.

Currently, the HSBC operates the largest animal shelter in the County with significant name recognition. According to the annual report figures, the HSBC FY 2014 budget is approximately \$7 million with 105 employees and approximately 550 volunteers that provide services to the benefit of animals under their care. In addition to adoption services, the HSBC



Photo Credit: Humane Society of Broward County

provides a wellness program, spay and neuter services, pet behavior/obedience programs and educational materials and activities. In addition to its in-house program that provides low-cost spay and neuter services, it also has a program in conjunction with private veterinarians to provide low-cost surgery for their clients. The HSBC also owns and operates a mobile spay and neuter unit.

The HSBC reports an average of 12,000 sterilizations are performed annually for owned animals, through its various spay and neuter programs. In addition, approximately 8,000 sterilizations are performed annually on animals available for adoption.

The HSBC and ACAD have developed a compatible working relationship over the years, consistently looking for ways and means to augment each other's operations and minimize duplication of services. For example, the HSBC accepts and temporarily holds stray animals on Mondays when the County's shelter is closed to the public. ACAD staff directs pet owners wishing to surrender an animal to the HSBC, where counseling services and other assistance to facilitate pet retention are offered.



In conjunction with the American Red Cross, the HSBC participates in a public-private partnership to fund and operate the animal component of the County's Pet-Friendly Emergency Shelter located at Millennium Middle School, 5803 NW 94 Avenue, Tamarac. The designated animal area consists of 12,000 square feet with a holding capacity of approximately 350 animals. The HSBC voluntarily pays for all costs associated with supplies and equipment purchase, storage and set-up, evacuee preregistration and processing, facility breakdown, equipment transport and storage.

Other Programs and Services

The Board also directed staff to review and report on the utilization of a countywide pet stores mobile spay/neuter units, and other feasible locations to expand the public's access to pet sterilization services.

Two entities currently provide low-cost pet sterilization services via mobile spay/neuter clinics: the HSBC and Stray Aid & Rescue (SAR). SAR is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) animal welfare organization dedicated to reducing pet overpopulation by providing spay and neuter services as well as public education and outreach. The SAR mobile unit is in operation four days per week at 2365 Wilton Manors Drive. The unit is moved to other locations when participating in targeted outreach programs. The HSBC unit is stationed at their main shelter location on Griffin Road and is also moved around the County to facilitate public access.



While there is a certainly a place for mobile units, according to the national organization known as Maddie's Fund, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to revolutionize the status and well-being of companion animals, a fully equipped vehicle will have a price tag around \$105,000. Assuming amortization of the vehicle

over four years and adding salaries, medical supplies, maintenance and insurance, a realistic total annual operating budget would be in the \$300,000 range. At 2,000 to 4,000 surgeries per year, the average cost per sterilization surgery would be \$75.00 - \$150.00 which well exceeds the customary low-cost sterilization fee of \$50.00.





Income- eligible pet owners can also access discounted spay and neuter services in veterinary offices that are approved service providers through the SPOT program. Currently, the County has agreements with 35 local veterinary clinics and animal hospitals to provide income-qualified pet owners with pet sterilization services. The SPOT program requires the pet owner to pay a \$10.00 co-payment and the County reimburses the service provider on a sliding-scale per sterilization.

See Exhibit 3 for Spot Reimbursement Fee Schedule. The flat fee for a cat spay is \$85.00 and cat neuter is \$60.00. The average fee for a dog spay is \$131.00 and a dog neuter is \$105.00. Service provider reimbursement fees were developed based on survey data from

private veterinary clinics regarding their fees-for-service which vary depending on type, sex and weight of the animal.

In FY2013, service providers redeemed 2,103 vouchers from the County at a total cost of \$189,165. SPOT program revenues are obtained from revenues generated from rabies registration tag sales; \$3.00 from each tag sale is reserved for the SPOT program. See Exhibit 4 for SPOT service providers and clinic locations. The SPOT program is scheduled to sunset in 2015; however, ACAD will propose a refreshed program for Board consideration prior to that time.



The County has facilitated targeted sterilization of feral/community cats through private veterinary clinics utilizing grant funding from Petsmart Charities and Florida Animal Friend, both non-profit 501(c) (3) foundations which provide grants for the spay and neuter of feral cats. Since 2010, the County has received four grant awards totaling \$205,000, resulting in

3,702 no-cost cat sterilizations. An additional 735 more surgeries are programmed to be funded this year as a part of the current grant award.



Additionally, the Cat Network, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization based in Miami, issues certificates for low-cost spay and neuter services for stray, homeless and abandoned cats. These certificates are accepted by service providers in Broward County. Cats Exclusive, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization located in Margate, and Animal Aid, also a non-profit 501 (c) (3) entity located in Boca Raton, offer affordable spay and neuter services for dogs and cats. There are no known spay and neuter services provided by pet stores.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Construct a High-volume, Low-cost Spay and Neuter Clinic in partnership with the Humane Society of Broward County.

During the Board's May 13, 2014 discussion, the Board expressed its desire for a partnership with the HSBC. Recognizing the HSBC's position as the county's largest private animal welfare organization, Staff concludes that a partnership with the HSBC would have the greatest impact on reducing the unsterilized pet population. Such a partnership allows the County to participate in the delivery of a successful, appropriately sized high-volume, low-cost animal sterilization clinic with ancillary services to effectively lower the intake of animals at the County's shelters. This goal can be accomplished with the lowest public funding contribution, given the HSBC's status as successful large animal welfare organization, which has been identified nationally as a "Leader in Animal Welfare," and its proven fundraising ability.

Our research finds that clinic size is typically scaled to provide a high volume of sterilization procedures to achieve and maintain a low-cost fee structure. Additionally, successful clinics augment sterilization surgeries with pet retention and wellness services to achieve a notable reduction in intake at local shelters.

The HSBC has proposed a partnership with Broward County in which it would construct and operate a clinic providing the public with access to high- volume, low-cost spay and neuter services. In return, the County would provide the land for this facility. HSBC proposes constructing a 25,000-square-foot facility at an approximate cost of \$3.5 to \$4 million with an estimated annual operating budget of \$1,200,000. In addition, the HSBC has offered to:

- augment operations with other services and programs, typical of high-volume, low-cost spay and neuter clinics;
- enter into an agreement describing the terms and conditions under which this facility will be provided, operated and maintained;
- consider incorporating the exterior design of the County's future animal shelter into the spay and neuter clinic design. See Exhibit 5 for a preliminary concept view of the proposed spay and neuter clinic.

Based on the estimated annual budget, utilizing two sterilization teams, the operational capacity of the clinic should facilitate between 12,500-15,000 sterilizations per year. A sterilization team typically consists of one veterinarian and two veterinary technicians. A clinic consisting of a multi-table surgical suite and related recovery area should be structurally capable of performing between 25,000 and 30,000 surgeries per year, which also allows an opportunity for growth.

2. Authorize Land Acquisition

Staff reviewed the inventory of County-owned properties for possible locations for the proposed spay and neuter clinic based on two primary factors:

- 1) proximity to the County's future Animal Care and Adoption Center and the Humane Society of Broward County's Animal Shelter and Administrative Offices, and
- 2) parcel size sufficient to allow the construction of a 25,000 SF clinic and wellness center.

From the inventory, three sites were considered: the north animal shelter at 3100 NW 19th Terrace in Pompano Beach; a sub-parcel of County-owned land on the SW corner of Griffin and Pine Island roads in Davie; and a parcel at 2600 SW 42nd Street, Unincorporated Broward, west of Ravenswood Road and across from the long-term vehicle parking lot for Broward County's international airport.

North Broward Site

The former north animal shelter is located on a 1 ¼ acre parcel and consists of a 5,711- square-foot building that is more than 40 years old, having less than 1,870 square feet under air. The remainder of the structure consists of 19 open-air kennel/runs and a two-vehicle garage. The County's Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting Division staff conducted an analysis of the existing structure and determined it to be deficient in terms of capacity, requiring significant upgrades in electrical wiring, plumbing infrastructure, heating, ventilation, and appropriate air conditioning (HVAC) and filtering. The structure was deemed too small and functionally obsolete to warrant a retrofit.

Davie Site

The almost 3-acre parcel on the southeast corner of Griffin Road and Pine Island Road is part of a larger parcel owned by the County. According to the County's Real Property Section staff, this parcel is programmed to be sold in FY2016 and the proceeds included in the General Capital Outlay Program.

Unincorporated Broward Site

The third and recommended site is a 3-acre parcel located at 2600 SW 42nd Street, in Unincorporated Broward. See Exhibit 6 for a site location map and legal description of the property. The parcel is located approximately 600 feet west of the County's future animal shelter and approximately ¾ mile (4,200 feet) from the HSBC's newly renovated facility located at 2070 Griffin Road, in Dania Beach. In addition to ease of access for HSBC, this site will increase visibility of the County's future Animal Care and Adoption Center, which will help spur pet adoptions and coordination of support programs.



Proposed site location for HSBC Spay/Neuter Clinic

Staff recommends the County purchase the above-described 3-acre parcel from the County's Aviation Department (Enterprise Fund) which, in turn, would be required to reimburse the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as federal funds from this agency were used to purchase the property. Purchase of the property would include a declaration of restrictive covenants being recorded against the property that contains provisions required by the FAA to ensure that future uses of the property are airport compatible. Upon purchase of the property from the FAA, the County would enter into a long-term lease agreement with the HSBC.

The County's Real Property Section has been requested to obtain appraisals for the parcel and advised that appraisals can be obtained in approximately 4-6 weeks. Please see Exhibit 7 Bid Proposal for Appraisal. If the Board authorizes the purchase of the property, the County Attorney's Office will negotiate with the FAA toward an agreement for sale at fair market value. An estimate of the land cost ranges from \$1.3 to \$1.5 million.

3. Execute a Lease Agreement with the Humane Society of Broward County

The proposed partnership with the HSBC requires the County to provide land for the clinic. The property may be leased to the HSBC without a competitive process so long as the use of the property serves a County and public purpose. In this case, a high-volume, low-cost spay and neuter clinic is considered a public purpose. As described earlier, the property would be purchased from the FAA and thereafter, a lease of the property would be subject to any use restrictions imposed by the FAA at the time of conveyance of the property to the County. HSBC's expectation is that the property would be leased for a nominal consideration with the understanding the HSBC bears the full construction and operating costs. The land value represents the County's contribution to the public-private partnership with the HSBC to provide Broward County residents with low-cost sterilization services for their pets that serves the overall goal to realize a reduction in intake at ACAD and HSBC shelters which, together, account for almost 30,000 animals annually.

The County would confirm HSBC's ability to successfully fund construction and operation of the facility for the purposes specified in the partnership agreement. The HSBC has indicated it would require a long-term lease, sufficient to ensure its investment in the clinic would remain available to the HSBC for the useful life of the facility for its intended purpose. This is an essential aspect for its commitment to fund, construct and operate the facility.

The County Attorney's Office will work with the HSBC to draft the agreement. The agreement will include the terms and conditions necessary to allow HSBC to construct and operate the facility, but also protect the County's interest in ensuring the delivery of the promised services.

4. Approve a Plat Note Amendment

The three-acre proposed site of the spay and neuter clinic is located within the Ravenswood FLL Airport Redevelopment Plat in unincorporated Broward County. Development of the clinic requires Board approval of an amendment to the restrictive note on the plat. This plat was approved by the County Commission on April 5, 1994 for 529,061 square feet of industrial uses on 153.69 acres. The plat was recorded on October 6, 1995 and has been the subject of a number of requests to amend the note, more specifically on April 18, 2006 and also on November 27, 2012 to permit the construction of a 45,000 square-foot animal shelter.

5. Approve a Zoning Code Text Amendment

A preliminary review of development requirements for the HSBC spay and neuter clinic does not reveal any insurmountable problems. A zoning code text amendment will be necessary to the AT Airport District to broaden the number of permitted uses to allow both the future home of the Animal Care and Adoption Center and the proposed HSBC spay and neuter clinic. Regarding land use, the proposed use is consistent with the permitted uses of the Transportation category of the Broward County Land Use Plan as well as Transportation category of the Future Unincorporated Area Land Use Element Policy 2.10.3, both of which refer to the permitted uses in the County Land Use Plan which allows air transportation and other compatible uses. Please see Exhibit 8 Informal Plat Review.

6. Enhance other Spay and Neuter Initiatives

Focus on Unsterilized Feral Cats and "Bully Breeds". As a complement to the HSBC spay and neuter clinic, ACAD will be proposing a program that mirrors the successful Feral Freedom model. Additionally, ACAD will be proposing to expand spay and neuter efforts to concentrate on "bully" breed dogs.

Statistically across the nation, the American Staffordshire Terrier, also known as the Pit Bull, suffers the highest euthanasia rate of all dogs that enter animal shelters. Currently, an income eligible bully breed owner who meets the guidelines for the SPOT program is also



reimbursed the SPOT program \$10 co-payment. The reimbursement is supplemented from the Unsterilized Fee line item account within the Animal Care Trust Fund and results in bully breed owners obtaining no-cost sterilization services for their dog.

As part of a comprehensive spay and neuter plan, staff proposes expanding program participation, known as the “Pit Fix”, as an incentive to access no-cost sterilization services for any bully breed dog in Broward County, regardless of owner income. Proof of residency will continue to be required. With adequate funding, the combined impact of the Feral Freedom program, the Pit Fix and the revised SPOT program, ACAD will form the basis of the County’s pro-active measures for the sustainable reduction of shelter intake and reduced euthanasia of the most at-risk shelter animals.

Increase animal registrations. Critical funding for the County’s proposed programs will continue to rely on donations, grant awards and various line item accounts within the Animal Care Trust Fund. Additionally, on October 8, 2013, the Board approved Agenda Item #3 which included a provision to allocate all revenues from annual rabies registration tag sales over 100,000 to support strategic spay and neuter programs intended to reduce intake of animals at our shelters. The 100,000 baseline was selected as this has been the five-year average of the annual number of rabies registration tags sold. The current fee for a sterilized dog is \$25.00 and a cat is \$15.00, which includes the \$5.00 pet license sales agent handling fee. Fees for unsterilized pets are considerably higher.



Broward County Code of Ordinances, Section 4-11. (a) requires any person who owns a dog or cat four months of age or older to have a current rabies registration tag. Given the estimate of over 800,000 dogs and cats residing in Broward households, rabies registration tag sales will be significant to the overall success of sustaining targeted sterilization efforts.

To date, a brochure explaining the legal requirement as well as the benefits of purchasing a rabies

registration tag have been produced and are being distributed to the veterinary community and pet-oriented retail establishments such as Pet Supermarket, as well as to all visitors at the shelter.

A robust marketing program is currently underway to encourage pet owners to register and tag their animals. The marketing plan includes radio spots and public service announcements, billboards, bus wraps and brochure displays in motor vehicle driver license offices. A countertop display is being distributed to all local veterinarians for use in their customer waiting areas. The goal is to increase awareness through public outreach to the community of pet owners that a rabies registration tag represents their pet’s



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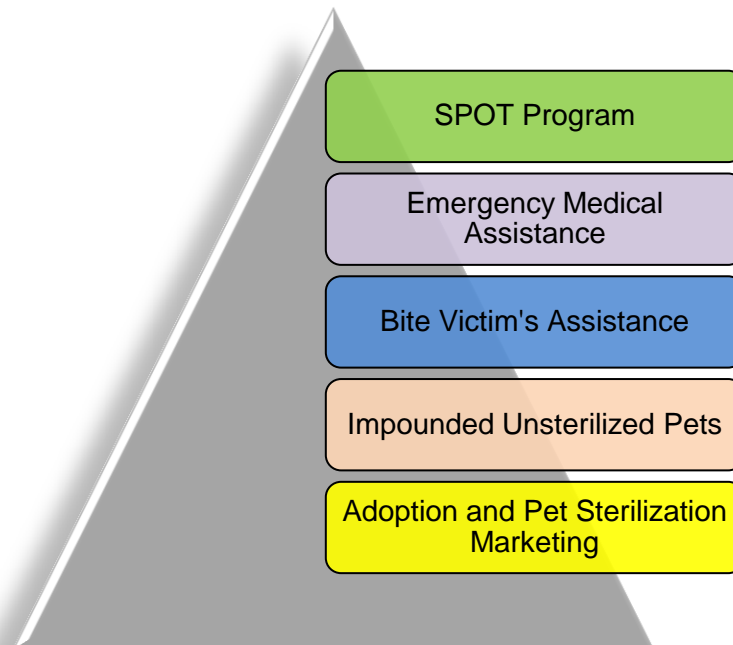
best chance of returning home (Free-Ride-Home) if lost, and that their participation supports the necessary funding dedicated to increasing access to low cost spay and neuter programs aimed at reducing the birth rate of unwanted animals.

In conjunction with this community outreach, an agenda item will be brought forward for Board consideration to require all licensed veterinarians in the County to make the rabies registration tag available for purchase at the time and place the vaccine is administered. A meeting was held with the membership of the Broward County Veterinary Medical Association on August 13th to discuss the merits of the proposal and importance of having the vet community's full support and participation.

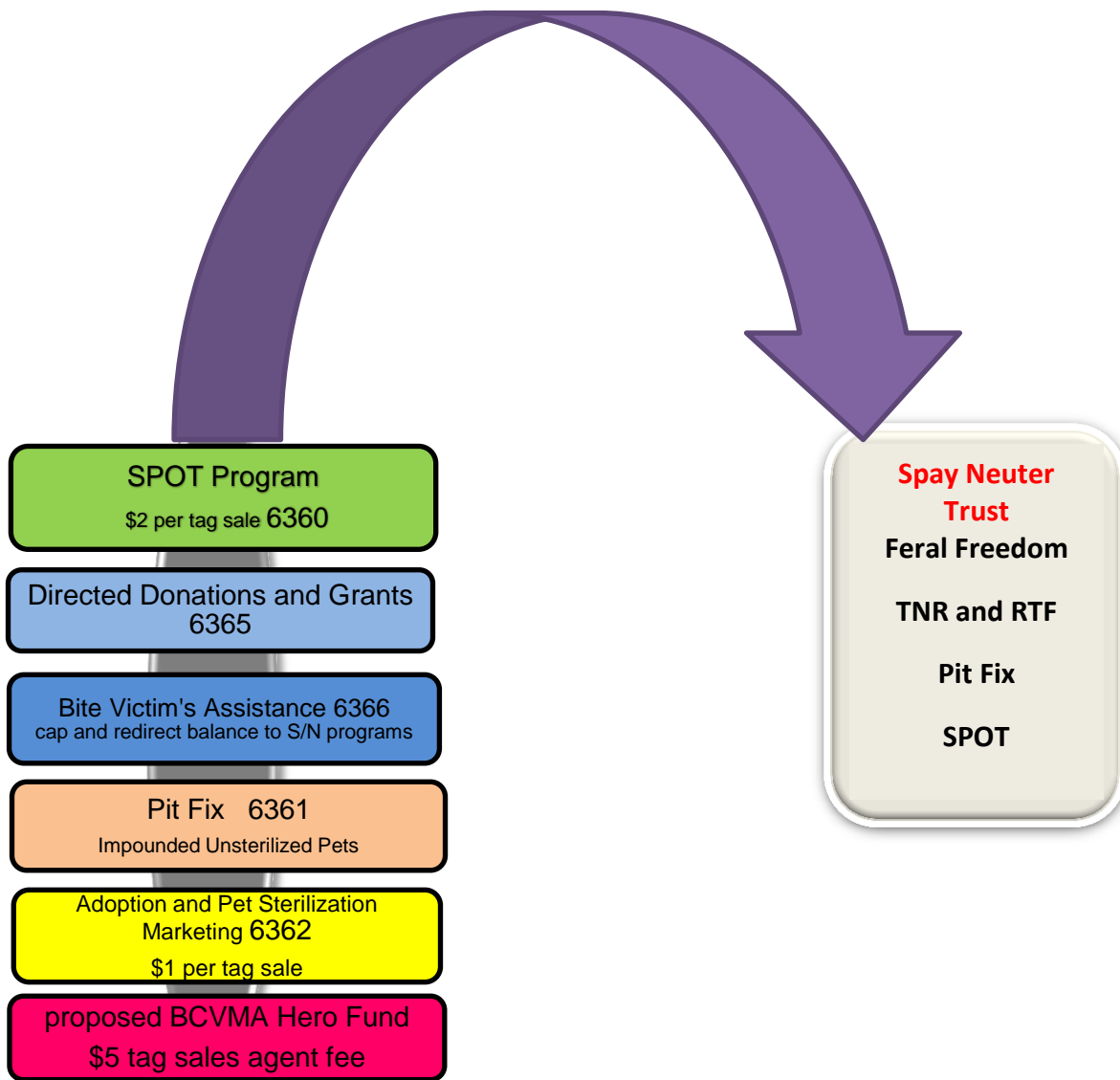
Create Spay/Neuter Centric Trust Fund. To simplify program management, ACAD will prepare an agenda item for Board consideration recommending changes to implement current priorities, and consolidating the various line item accounts within the Animal Care Trust Fund. Currently, these include the Spay-Neuter Trust Fund (Unit 6360), Unsterilized Fee (Unit 6361), the Adoption Services – Marketing/Training (Unit 6362), Trust Donations (Unit 6365), and a portion of the Victim Trust (Unit 6366). Charts illustrating the current organization of the Animal Care Trust Fund are provided below.

It is expected this item and other related recommendations, will be brought forward along with the proposal to reauthorize the SPOT program, with modifications, prior to its sunset date in 2015.

Current Fund Allocations Comprising the Animal Care Trust Fund



Proposed Funding Consolidation to Create Spay/Neuter Centric Trust Fund Supporting Targeted Spay and Neuter Programs



Require mandatory sterilization of animals. Similar to a policy approved in Palm Beach County in 2008, ACAD will be recommending the Board adopt an ordinance for mandatory sterilization of animals, subject to one of the following exemptions:

1. An animal is registered with a national or international club or registry and is being used, trained or considered for use in a show, competition, etc.;
2. A veterinarian certifies that an animal is medically unfit to undergo the procedure;
3. A dog is currently in service with a law enforcement agency;
4. The animal qualifies as a service animal;
5. The owner wishes to keep the animal unsterilized and certifies it will not be bred or used for stud services unless an appropriate breeder permit has been obtained.

The intent of the above initiatives is to use every available tool to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats becoming strays, suffering from privation and death; often constituting a public nuisance and health hazard; and finally being impounded and put to death at great expense to the community.



Summary

Staff concludes that a high-volume, low-cost spay and neuter clinic should be in high demand and recommends the Board pursue a partnership with the HSBC, as well as support other initiatives designed to reduce the number of unsterilized animals, and ultimately, the number of unwanted animals that are euthanized.

Website Information Sources

www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Statistics

www.fcnmhp.org

www.humanebroward.org

www.feralcatproject.org/aboutthecats

www.strayaid.org

www.thecatnetwork.org

www.mattiesfund.org

www.hsbroward.org

www.broward.org/animal

List of Exhibits

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