



COSTA MESA ANIMAL CONTROL

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SPAY / NEUTER VOUCHER PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

IMPORTANT: Please read before filling out application form

INTRODUCTION

The City of Costa Mesa has created a program for Costa Mesa residents needing financial assistance with spaying and neutering their dogs and cats. Funds for the program are provided by fines from owners whose unaltered pets are impounded while running loose. Our goal is to decrease the number of unwanted cats and dogs in the city.

WHY SPAY AND NEUTER?

Too many pets, not enough homes!

Each year, around 10 million pets are turned in to animal shelters. Only 25 to 30 percent of these animals are reclaimed by their owners or adopted into new homes. The rest, some 4 to 6 million dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, must be euthanized because nobody wants them. As a pet owner, you have a responsibility to help end this terrible problem. Altered pets are healthier because the urge to search out mates is eliminated. Altered pets are less likely to roam from home and be injured in fights or killed in traffic. In fact, altered pets have twice the average life expectancy of unaltered pets, partly due to a lower chance of suffering from mammary, uterine, prostate and testicular cancers. Another benefit to spaying and neutering is discounted dog license fees.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, applicant must be at least 18 years old and reside in Costa Mesa. Applicant must show proof of income below \$35,000 / year **OR** provide proof of current assistance from one of the following programs:

- Food Stamp program
- Women, Infants and Children program (WIC)
- Social Security Disability Insurance program (SSDI)
- Medi-cal, Medi-Care or Medi-caid programs
- Supplemental Security Income program (SSI)
- Other government-subsidized financial assistance programs

Please do not send original documents that need to be returned. Photocopies must be legible.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Please apply by mail or FAX only. Applications take approximately 7-14 days to process.
- Program is subject to funding. If no funding is available, no vouchers can be issued. Because vouchers are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, we cannot issue rain checks.
- Dogs and cats (except ferals) between 4 months and 5 years of age are eligible for this program.
- This program is not intended for feral cats (untamed stray alley cats). Increasing the number of altered and owned cats will prevent unwanted kittens that will be abandoned and become feral in the first place.
- There is a limit of 2 vouchers per household per year. Vouchers are void after 60 days. Lost, stolen or expired vouchers will not be replaced. Vouchers are non-transferrable and cannot be redeemed for cash.
- All dogs at a residence approved for a voucher must be in compliance with Costa Mesa dog licensing laws.
- Pregnant cats can usually be spayed. The veterinarian will determine if it is safe for the animal's health.
- The voucher must be presented to the hospital at the time your pet is checked in for surgery and is only valid for the pet and owner listed on it.
- Dogs must be currently vaccinated for Distemper/Parvo/Corona (DHPPC), Bordetella (Kennel Cough) and Rabies. Cats must be current on Distemper (FVRCP), Leukemia (FELV) and Rabies. If you cannot submit proof of vaccinations to hospital staff at the time your pet is brought in for surgery, they will be administered and you will be responsible for that cost.



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All information on this form is required. Information is kept confidential and is used only to establish eligibility for this program.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone Number(s) _____

Residence address _____ Costa Mesa, CA _____

Mailing address (same as residence) _____, CA _____

PET INFORMATION

Pet Name _____ Age _____ Dog Cat

Breed _____ Color _____ Male Female

Approximate weight _____ lbs.

PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EACH PET YOU ARE APPLYING FOR.

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

Attach your eligibility information to this application. Please do not send original documents that need to be returned. Photocopies must be legible. Information about eligibility can be found on page 1.

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL THE FOLLOWING

_____ I understand that vouchers are good for 60 days. Lost/stolen/expired vouchers will not be replaced. Vouchers cannot be redeemed for cash. Vouchers are valid only for the animal and owner listed on this application. Voucher must be presented to hospital staff on the day the pet is admitted for surgery.

_____ Proof of current vaccinations must be submitted to the hospital the day my pet is brought for surgery. If I cannot provide proof, I understand these vaccines will be administered and I will be responsible for that portion of the bill. Required vaccinations can be found on page 1.

_____ I voluntarily agree to use Newport Center Animal Hospital as the surgery facility and am aware that the city of Costa Mesa is not involved with warranty of services provided by them. I understand the city of Costa Mesa is subsidizing only the cost of routine alteration surgery. Additional charges and/or any complications during or after the surgery are solely my financial responsibility.

_____ IF APPLICATION IS FOR A CAT: I certify that I own this cat and it is not feral (an untamed stray cat).

_____ IF APPLICATION IS FOR A DOG: I certify that this dog and any others at my residence comply with Costa Mesa dog licensing regulations.

The information provided on this application is truthful and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Date _____