

County Approves Spay, Neuter Grant Program

Cat rescue groups in Linn County, Ore., can apply for funding.

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Officials in Linn County, Ore., have approved a grant program to pay for spaying and neutering cats that are rounded up by local cat rescue groups.

The County Commission approved the program on a 2-1 vote on Feb. 27. Under the program, the county will spend up to \$25,000 on cat sterilization between now and June 30, 2008. After then, the county would re-evaluate the program.

To apply for funding, a cat rescue group must be recognized by County Dog Control. The group can bring up to 25 cats to a local veterinarian for sterilization and the county will pay the costs.

However, the number of cats must be more than the regular number of cats the group is dealing with now. For more information on the program, call the county's dog control director, John Adair, at (541) 967-3925.

In addition to the county program, SafeHaven Humane Society near Albany, Ore., is paying for low-income residents, disabled and senior citizens to have their cats sterilized. The SafeHaven program, which is being made possible by a \$10,000 private donation, is being launched during the first full week in March.

For more information on the program, visit the SafeHaven Humane Society website, or call SafeHaven at (541) 928-2789.