

Qualifying for Orange County's Low Cost (or No Cost) Spay/Neuter Programs

Please follow the steps below to determine if you qualify for one of Orange County's spay or neuter programs for your cat or dog. These programs are offered only to Orange County residents. To qualify, you must submit copies of any documents which demonstrate you are qualified to participate in the program.

1. Qualification. There are three low cost or no cost spay/neuter programs:

- The \$20 FIX - To qualify you must receive services from the Department of Orange County Social Services such as: Adult or Child and Family Medicaid, Food Stamps, Work First, Health Choice Insurance, Subsidized Child Care, Emergency Services or meet income guidelines.
- Litter Patrol- To qualify you must surrender or bring in as stray, a litter of puppies or kittens and have a household income of less than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines.
- ICARE – To qualify you must receive disability or social security as your only means of income

2. Procedure:

- a. If you believe you qualify for low cost spay or neuter or to find out specific income guidelines of the Program contact the Program Coordinator, Sarah Fallin, at 919-942-7387 x224 or sfallin@co.orange.nc.us.
 - b. If you qualify for one of the programs, the Program Coordinator will send you an application and a stamped addressed envelope to return the application. Please complete the application and make a photocopy of your qualifying document which include, but are not limited to: Medicaid card, food stamp debit card, Health Choice Insurance card, 1040, W-2, pay check stub, or any another documents that demonstrates you are qualified to participate in the program.
 - c. Return both the application and the photocopy of your qualifying document by mail in the envelope provided.
 - d. Upon approval you will be mailed a voucher for each animal up to four (4) pets per household per a single application.
 - i. If you qualify for the \$20 FIX, a list of vets will be sent to you. You will be responsible for scheduling your own appointment with one of those vets.
 - ii. If you qualify for ICARE or The Litter Patrol, you will be issued a voucher and Pet Overpopulation Patrol will call you to make an appointment with them.
3. If you do NOT qualify for these programs contact the Program Coordinator for other options.
4. If you need any assistance, please call or email the Program Coordinator at 919-942-7387 or sfallin@co.orange.nc.us