



Orange County Animal Services

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MEMO

To: Frank Clifton, County Manager

From: Bob Marotto, Director of Animal Services

Date: July 20, 2010

Re: Community Spay Neuter Fund Update

I wanted to provide you with an update on the Community Spay Neuter Fund on the basis of the latest information we have received from AnimalKind, the non-profit organization with which we collaborate to offer **The \$20 Fix** in Orange County in close coordination with the County's Department of Social Services (DSS).

As can be seen from the attached graphical summaries provided by AnimalKind, last year there was a significant increase both in the number of spay and neuter vouchers issued and in the number of these vouchers redeemed by County residents. In FY0809, more specifically, 222 vouchers were issued and 133 were redeemed; by comparison, in FY0910 327 vouchers were issued and 239 redeemed.

Essentially, each redeemed voucher represents a sterilized dog or cat. As you will recall from discussions of **Managing Pet Overpopulation: A Strategic Plan for Orange County**, these are targeted sterilizations, i.e., spays and neuters that otherwise would not be expected to occur. They are expected to reduce the number of animals that need to be sheltered, control the costs of animal services, and curb the use of euthanasia as a means of population control.

FY0910 performance outcomes were achieved on the basis of a \$20,000 agreement with AnimalKind. These funds come from the County's Community Spay Neuter Fund, created by the Board of County Commissioners in FY0708 on the basis of the cost differential of licenses for reproductive and sterilized dogs and cats. It should be noted here that the County was reimbursed \$13,323 of the monies it expended in FY0910 from the Fund by the state through the North Carolina Spay - Neuter Program (NCGS 19A-60-65).

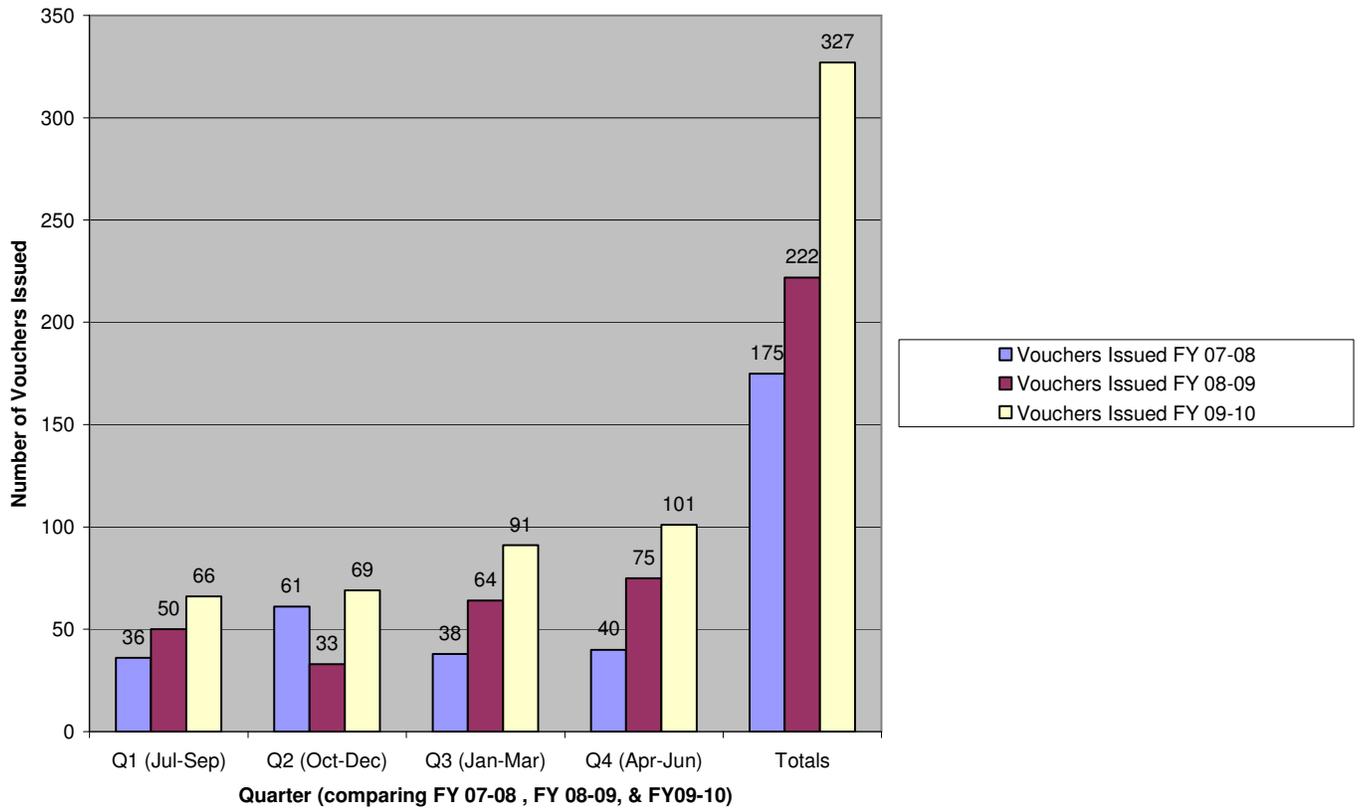
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Our FY1011 agreement promises to further the positive performance outcomes observed this year. In addition to a base amount of \$20,000, the agreement allows the County to expend another \$5,000 on a matching basis with funds AnimalKind raises to provide targeted spay and neuter in Orange County. Also, we expect there to be a notable increase in outreach by all parties, and for there to be more special events such as the annual Spay and Neuter Day.

In closing, I would underscore that our effort is truly a three-way partnership between Animal Services, DSS and AnimalKind. Given the unique way in which our program is designed, DSS clients are eligible for a “no pay” spay and neuter voucher, and it is indeed for this reason that many DSS clients are participants. We are deeply indebted to DSS staff for their willingness to work with us and believe that our three-way partnership may well become a model for other communities seeking to target pet overpopulation.

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