

## Qualifying for Orange County NC 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 along with a corresponding application.

### Qualification

**Animalkind** – To qualify you must receive public assistance such as Adult or Child Medicaid, Food Stamps, Work First, NC Health Choice Insurance, Emergency Assistance (EA), Energy Assistance (EEF), or meet the income guidelines in the Animalkind chart below.

**I-CARE** – To qualify you must receive social security or disability as your only means of income or meet the income guidelines in the I-CARE chart below.

### Procedure

1. If you believe you qualify for our no cost spay/neuter program or to find out specific income guidelines, please contact the Program Coordinator at 919-932-4966 or [tschifano@orangecountync.gov](mailto:tschifano@orangecountync.gov).
2. If you qualify for one of the programs, the Program Coordinator will send you an application. Please complete the application and make a photocopy of your qualifying document which include, but are not limited to: Medicaid card, Food Stamps debit card, Health Choice Insurance Card, 1040, W-2, pay check stub, or another document that demonstrates your income. You can also come to the Animal Services Center at 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516 for assistance.
3. Return both the application and the photocopy of your qualifying document to the Program Coordinator
4. Upon approval you will be given a voucher for up to four (4) pets per household per single application
  - If you qualify for Animalkind, a list of vets will be sent to you. You will be responsible for scheduling your own appointment with one of those vets.
  - If you qualify for I-CARE you will be issued a voucher and you will be instructed to call SNAP-NC to make your appointment.

If you DO NOT qualify for these programs, please contact the Program Coordinator at 919-932-4966 or [tschifano@orangecountync.gov](mailto:tschifano@orangecountync.gov) for other options.

### Qualifying Income Guidelines

To qualify your income must fall at or below these amounts:

#### Animalkind Chart\*:

Household Size	100%	200%
1	\$12,140	\$24,280
2	\$16,460	\$32,920
3	\$20,780	\$41,560
4	\$25,100	\$50,200
5	\$29,420	\$58,840

#### I-CARE Chart\*:

Household Size	100%	200%	300%	400%
1	\$12,140	\$24,280	\$36,420	\$48,560
2	\$16,460	\$32,920	\$49,380	\$65,840
3	\$20,780	\$41,560	\$62,340	\$83,120
4	\$25,100	\$50,200	\$75,300	\$100,400
5	\$29,420	\$58,840	\$88,260	\$117,680

\*Amounts are based on the 2018 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines

Please call 919-932-4966 or email [tschifano@orangecountync.gov](mailto:tschifano@orangecountync.gov) for income level if your household is more than 5 people.