



DALE JACKSON

SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM

Effective Date: July 28, 2022

Purpose: The City of Groves believes that the management of the Groves animal population is vital to the public health. Therefore, the spay and neuter program will permit Groves residents to have their pets (dogs and cats) spayed and neutered for a reduced-cost. All medical procedures are performed by a qualified doctor of veterinary medicine chosen by the City of Groves.

Eligibility: The spay and neuter program is offered to Groves citizens who meet the low income (less than \$50,000/yr.) eligibility requirements. Income eligibility will be based on an in-home visit by the Animal Control Officer and on the number of individuals in the household.

Recommended fee: \$25

This program is for residents of the City of Groves **ONLY**. Residency will be verified by a resident presenting copies of their State of Texas driver's license or state-issued identification AND a utility bill with a current address.

The City Manager shall make the final decision regarding any appeals of eligibility (whether income-related or residency) in this program. Residents must appeal staff's decision in writing to the City Manager.

Process:

Anyone interested in this public service should contact the Groves Animal Shelter at (409) 963-1676. Participation in this program is “first come, first served.” Once the amount of funds allocated for this program are depleted, the program will be placed on hold until additional funds are allocated. An in-home meeting will be scheduled after application with the animal/pet owner and the Animal Control Officer to verify eligibility and animal conditions. There is a strict limit of three animals per household per year (October 1st – September 30th). Once eligibility is verified and a hold harmless agreement is executed between the animal/pet owner and the City of Groves, an appointment will be scheduled with the participating veterinarian office for the procedure. Annually, the City shall coordinate with local veterinarians for participation in this program; only the costs for spay and neuter procedures at a veterinarian’s office participating in this program shall be eligible for reimbursement. When arriving for your appointed procedure, all dogs and cats should be restrained by a leash or in a carrier.

Current rabies vaccination is required for all dogs and cats. If your animal has been vaccinated against rabies, a valid vaccination certificate must be provided to the City Animal Control Officer to verify eligibility in this program. Unvaccinated animals and animals without proof of current rabies vaccination will be vaccinated against rabies at the animal/pet owner’s cost when the spay and neuter procedure is done. The animal/pet owner shall pay the fee prescribed by the veterinarian. Other vaccinations are not required by law but are strongly recommended.

Payment must be made when services are rendered. The veterinary office accepts credit cards and cash.



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Application Form**

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Contact Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Type (dog or cat), Name and Age of Pets/Animals: _____

Household Size (number living in household): _____

Annual Household Income: _____

Verification of Pets/Animals CURRENT vaccination provided:

YES

NO

Requested Veterinarian: Neighborhood Vet Clinic - Groves

Groves Vet Clinic

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this application, I, the applicant, agree to release and hold harmless the City of Groves and the participating veterinarian, and the employees of the City of Groves and the participating veterinarian, from any and all liability in connection with the spaying and/or neutering of my animal(s)/pet(s).