

Paws and Claws Society
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PROGRAM PROPOSAL
“CIRCLE OF COMPASSION FOR ANIMALS”

Vision

The Norman E. and Gwyneth L. Staats Foundation and its sister organization Paws and Claws Society (PACS) desire to help facilitate the establishment of no-kill communities in New Jersey where companion animals can expect to come and be saved, temporarily sheltered, and ultimately placed into loving, responsible homes; not to be destroyed. The groundwork necessary to implement this vision began in August, 2005 as solid relationships with organizations and individuals were formed to create an ever stronger force known as PACS Partners in Prevention Not Destruction. Together, the Staats Foundation and Paws and Claws Society implemented a very aggressive spay/neuter and educational program throughout New Jersey targeted areas. With the help and support of the veterinary community and committed individuals, Paws and Claws spay/neuter certificates were distributed to individuals and partner organizations each subsequent year. At the same time, Staats Foundation grant awards were allocated to several non-profit organizations to fund additional spay/neuter surgeries. Funding for educational programs and adoption incentives was also provided.

Prevention Not Destruction Partners are ready to take animal services to the next level and commit to establishing additional no-kill communities. In keeping with that goal, the first and foremost objective for this calendar year will be to implement aggressive spay/neuter and to save every adoptable companion animal that comes into their care and place it in, or return it to, a loving, responsible home. Partners will use every available resource, both internal and external, public and private, paid and volunteer to accomplish this objective.



Planning Strategy

For planning purposes, eliminating the euthanasia of "adoptable" animals require developing and implementing bold new strategies. The initiatives delineated below can be broadly categorized into three general areas:

I. Prevention

Activities that would decrease the number of surplus animals in the community and would therefore reduce the number entering the shelter environment. These activities are directed toward minimizing the circumstances under which pets are abandoned or surrendered to the Animal Shelters and reducing the total number of vulnerable animals by encouraging sterilization and providing access to low-cost spay/neuter.

II. Intervention

Increasing the ability to deal with the large numbers of animals that inevitably enter the shelter environment until suitable homes may be found. This category includes increasing the speed and reliability with which animals, who have become strays by misadventure, may be returned to their owners. It also includes methods to provide education and other assistance to the general population in order to prevent the surrender of their animals to the Animal Shelters.

III. Placement

Placement includes activities that increase the probability that animals will be placed in suitable homes. Placement activities include advertising the availability of animals for adoption, instituting off-site adoptions, streamlining adoption procedures, and the **transfer of animals to no-kill facilities in and out of the target area**. An important aspect of this portion of the plan is the commitment of no-kill organizations to accept increasing numbers of animals from the local community Animal Shelters and Rescuers and guaranteeing their adoption.



"Circle" Grant Proposal Summary - Development and Implementation

To help achieve the lofty goal of establishing no-kill communities in New Jersey, the Norman E. and Gwyneth L. Staats Foundation and Paws and Claws Society are calling upon our Grantees and Partners in Prevention Not Destruction to join us and participate in the "Circle of Compassion for Animals" Initiative.

"Circle of Compassion for Animals" is a PACS initiative under the auspices of the Norman E. and Gwyneth L. Staats Foundation that will provide program and financial support needed to establish no-kill communities in New Jersey. The "Circle" will bring together groups and individuals to form a coalition of animal advocates with the expectation that the target area will become a no-kill community in New Jersey.

"Circle of Compassion for Animals" objectives are to:

1. To increase the placements of adoptable, healthy cats and dogs
2. To reduce the deaths of shelter dogs and cats
3. To reduce the number of stray/feral cats in the county via TNR and placements
4. To increase the number of spay/neuter surgeries
5. To provide appropriate medical treatment, behavior modification and/or foster care to turn sick, injured, traumatized, infant or unsocialized animals into animals ready for placement.

Norman E. and Gwyneth L. Staats Foundation grant awards this calendar year, along with Paw and Claws Society support will be made to "Circle" participating organizations for the purpose of establishing a no-kill community that includes accepting animals from the target community and placing them into permanent, loving homes.

The Staats Foundation and Paws and Claws Society (PACS) will offer grant funds and other financial support to "Circle" referred animals, including treatable and/hard to place animals in accordance with the established "Circle" Definitions and Payment Schedule. Support will include all routine veterinary care, including spay/neuter, vaccinations, disease testings, and parasite treatment. In addition, other reasonable medical care and/or behavior modification training necessary prior to placement will be provided.