



## Spay/Neuter Assistance Program

The Humane Society of Jackson County (HSJC) is dedicated to reducing the number of homeless pets in Jackson County. The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program is designed to help low-income pet owners with the cost of spay and neuter surgery. With the help of private donations and the support of local veterinarians, HSJC is able to offer spay and neuter services to eligible applicants at a substantially reduced cost.

Eligibility for the Spay/Neuter Assistance Program is open to residents of Jackson County, Georgia only and is based primarily on income level; therefore, each applicant will be asked to disclose personal information so that HSJC may determine whether the applicant meets the requirements for participation in the Spay/Neuter Assistance Program.

### **Policies and Procedures:**

- ❖ All applicants must complete an application. A separate application is required for each animal.
- ❖ HSJC will review each application and reserves the right to verify all information provided by the applicant.
- ❖ The applicant is notified if the application is not approved.
- ❖ If an application is approved, the applicant will receive a Spay/Neuter Certificate and contact information for the designated veterinarian.
- ❖ Each Spay/Neuter Certificate is valid for one (1) surgery and valid for 45 days from the date of issue.
- ❖ Each recipient of a Spay/Neuter Certificate is responsible for scheduling the spay/neuter surgery directly with the designated veterinarian as soon as possible after receipt of the Spay/Neuter Certificate.
- ❖ The Spay/Neuter Certificate only covers the cost of the spay/neuter surgery, post-operative pain medication and overnight supervision (if deemed necessary by the veterinarian).
- ❖ Any additional expenses incurred will not be paid by HSJC and are the sole responsibility of the recipient. Additional expenses may include, but are not limited to, fees for vaccinations, flea and tick treatment, females in heat or pregnant and males with retained testicles. Recipients are encouraged to discuss any additional expenses with the veterinarian before proceeding with surgery.
- ❖ Each recipient is required to bring proof of current rabies vaccination, without proof of rabies vaccination, it is required by Georgia law to vaccinate the animal prior to surgery. Recipient is responsible for the cost of a rabies vaccination.
- ❖ Each participating veterinarian reserves the right to postpone surgery if it is determined the animal is not healthy enough to undergo surgery.