



MASS ANIMAL FUND SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHER PROGRAM

ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY Updated 2024

ACO CARE ANIMALS (priority) Complete and accurate ACO Assistance Request Form and Animal Intake Forms required.	
<i>Eligible</i>	<i>Ineligible</i>
<p>Unclaimed stray dogs and cats that are housed in a municipal shelter/ holding facility.</p> <p>Return to owner (RTO) dogs and cats that are housed in a municipal shelter/holding facility, the owner is claiming the animal and qualifies as a low-income resident of Massachusetts.</p> <p>Dogs and cats that are being housed in a municipal shelter/ holding facility as part of a law enforcement case and custody has been relinquished.</p> <p>Dogs and cats that are being housed in a municipal shelter/holding facility due to an involuntary abandonment and remain unclaimed after claim time frame (official notice must have been given).</p> <p>Part I and Part II of the voucher is completely filled out prior to dropping off the animal for surgery.</p>	<p>Dogs and cats that have been voluntarily surrendered to a municipal animal control facility for the purpose of rehoming.</p> <p>Dogs and cats whose custody has been transferred to a private shelter, rescue, or foster group.</p> <p>Return to owner (RTO) dogs and cats that are being housed in a municipal shelter/holding facility, the owner does not meet eligibility requirements.</p> <p>Part I and Part II of the voucher is completely filled out prior to dropping off the animal for surgery.</p>
OWNED (waitlist, unless priority is indicated) Completed and accurate Owned Animal Assistance Form required.	
<i>Eligible</i>	<i>Ineligible</i>
<p>Dogs and cats that are owned by low-income Massachusetts residents. To determine low-income eligibility, we recommend that the animal control officer verify enrollment in a state or federal assistance program, such as TAFDC, SSI, VS, SNAP, WIC, Section 8, etc.</p> <p>Part I and Part II of the voucher is completely filled out prior to dropping off the animal for surgery.</p>	<p>Dogs and cats owned by Massachusetts residents who do not meet income eligibility requirements.</p> <p>Dogs and cats owned by non-Massachusetts residents.</p> <p>Part I and Part II of the voucher is completely filled out prior to dropping off the animal for surgery.</p>
FERAL CATS (voucher availability currently limited) Completed and accurate At-Large Cat Request Form required.	
<i>Eligible</i>	<i>Ineligible</i>
<p>Cats that are homeless, un-owned, free-roaming, unsocialized, and appear healthy. These cats must be released back into its home colony, which will be managed, and must receive a 3/8" ear tip at the time of surgery.</p> <p>Part I and Part II of the voucher is completely filled out prior to dropping off the animal for surgery.</p>	<p>Cats that are owned or possibly owned, or those that will be adopted out or are in foster care awaiting possible placement. Socialized cats being evaluated for placement, and cats that do not appear healthy.</p> <p>Part I and Part II of the voucher is completely filled out prior to dropping off the animal for surgery.</p>