

VETERINARY PROVIDER INFORMATION

The Massachusetts Animal Fund is actively seeking clinics, hospitals, shelters, and individual veterinary providers to participate in the Spay/Neuter Voucher Program to help the state's most vulnerable animals.

Providers are contracted with the Department of Agricultural Resources to perform the following services for cats/dogs: DHPP/FVRCP and rabies vaccines, anesthesia, pain management medications, and spay/neuter surgery. On July 1st, 2023 we revised our Reimbursement Tier System from to increase payments to Providers and allow additional reimbursements to be provided for vaccinations. The following tier system is currently followed:

Tier 1: \$150 cat neuter

Tier 2: \$200 cat spay

Tier 3: \$250 small dog (<50lbs) neuter

Tier 4: \$300 small dog spay, large dog (>50lbs) neuter

Tier 5: \$350 large dog spay

Additional reimbursements can be provided for complications and approved services.

To view our detailed reimbursement and download a provider application visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/become-a-provider>

Animal homelessness is a community problem. Through a partnership with local animal control officers and with your veterinary assistance we can work towards a community solution.

Please consider joining the Mass Animal Fund Spay/Neuter Network! For more information and to apply to become a provider visit www.mass.gov/animalfund or contact us at:

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WHAT IS THE MASSACHUSETTS ANIMAL FUND?



In 2012 a law took effect that, in part, created the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund (Massachusetts Animal Fund). The Fund is administered by the Division of Animal Health with assistance from an advisory committee and seeks to end the problem of animal homelessness in Massachusetts. Animal homelessness is a problem that causes animals' lives to be lost to euthanasia, poses a public safety concern, and costs taxpayer money to pay for services for stray, abandoned, and feral animals and their offspring. One solution to this problem is investing in spaying/neutering animals. Another is standardized and required animal control officer (ACO) training that creates uniform enforcement of animal control laws.

Since 2014 the Fund's Spay/Neuter Voucher Program and Emergency Fund have helped over 19,000 dogs and cats across the Commonwealth by providing no-cost spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations to the most vulnerable animals—many of which live in your own municipality. Vouchers are requested by ACOs or Providers for homeless dogs and cats in municipal care, for dogs and cats owned by low-income residents, and for feral cats, and can be redeemed at any of the Fund's participating veterinary providers. To date, the Fund has spent over \$2,500,000 to help the local animals of Massachusetts!

FILE TAXES

HELP ANIMALS.

The Massachusetts Animal Fund is able to provide no-cost spay/neuter services to animals in need with the help of contributions from people like you.

Invest in the responsible care of animals.

Donate today: Fill out **LINE 33F** of your state income tax return or visit

www.mass.gov/animalfund



MASSACHUSETTS ANIMAL FUND VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Fund disseminates vouchers through municipal ACOs and veterinary providers utilizing our statewide provider network to bring no-cost spay/neuter and vaccination services to cats and dogs in three areas of need:

Animals in Municipal Care

ACOs may request vouchers for homeless animals being cared for in their municipal animal control shelter or at a private shelter that has a formal contract to act as a holding facility for their municipality.

Animals Owned by Low-Income Residents of Massachusetts

ACOs or Providers may request vouchers for cats or dogs owned by low-income residents of their municipality. To determine low-income eligibility, the Fund recommends that the ACO asks for proof of enrollment in a state or federal assistance program such as TAFDC, SSI, VS, SNAP, WIC, Section 8, etc.

Feral Community Cats

ACOs or Providers may request vouchers for cats in their municipality that are homeless, un-owned, free-roaming unsocialized and appear healthy. These cats must be released back to their colony and must receive a 3/8" ear tip at the time of surgery.

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