

# South Huron Spay and Neuter Voucher Program Policy



## Subject

Spay and Neuter Voucher Program for Feral Cats and Low Income Families caring for cats.

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide the circumstances by which Spay or Neuter Vouchers may be distributed to low income families and to persons caring for feral cats.

## Scope

This policy applies to all residents of the Municipality of South Huron.

## Definitions

- a) For the purposes of this policy only:
- b) "Applicant" means a person who submits an application for a Spay or Neuter Voucher for Low Income Families and/or an application for a Spay or Neuter Voucher for Feral Cats.
- c) "Application" means the form of Application for Spay or Neuter Vouchers established by the Municipality of South Huron from time to time.
- d) "Director" means the Clerk or his or her delegate.
- e) "Funds" means the amount which may be allocated to the Spay or Neuter Vouchers in the Municipality of South Huron's annual budget.
- f) "Family" means the Applicant alone or with one or more persons who reside together and are related to each other by blood, marriage, common-law or adoption.
- g) "Feral Cat" means a cat that is not accustomed to contact with people and is too fearful or wild to be handled and which may never adapt to living in close contact with people or is not an Owned Cat.

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- h) Low Income Cut-Offs Before Tax ("LICO") means the income level as established by Statistics Canada from time to time at which a Family may be in strained circumstances because it has to spend a greater proportion of its income on necessities than the average family of similar size.
- i) "Owned Cat" means a cat that resides with and receives food, shelter and care from a Family.
- j) "Spay or Neuter Voucher for Feral Cats" means a voucher issued to an Applicant who is eligible in accordance with this Policy and who wishes to spay or neuter a Feral Cat.
- k) "Spay or Neuter Voucher for Low Income Families" means a voucher issued to an Applicant who is eligible in accordance with this Policy and who wishes to spay or neuter an Owned Cat.

### Procedures

The Director may issue Vouchers based upon the criteria as set out in this Policy.

### Criteria for Issuing Vouchers

1. An Applicant is eligible to receive Spay or Neuter Vouchers for Low Income Families if:
  - a) he or she submits a completed and signed Application;
  - b) he or she is 18 years of age or older;
  - c) he or she has resided in the Municipality of South Huron for one year or more; and
  - d) the annual before-tax income of the Family is no greater than the LICO.
2. An Applicant is eligible to receive Spay or Neuter Vouchers for Feral Cats if:
  - a) he or she submits a completed and signed Application;
  - b) he or she is 18 years of age or older; and
  - c) he or she has resided in the Municipality of South Huron for one year or more;

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3. A Spay or Neuter Voucher for Low Income Families may be issued:
  - a) to only one Applicant per Family;
  - b) to a maximum of 3 per Applicant; and/or
  - c) to an Applicant who is also in receipt of Spay or Neuter Vouchers for Feral Cats.
  
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