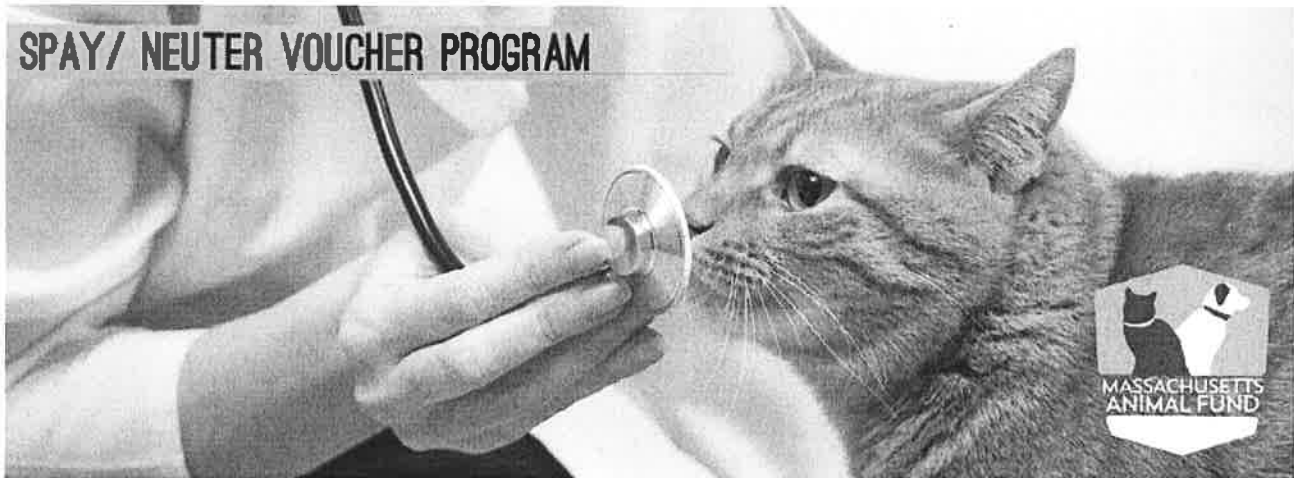




# Spay/Neuter Voucher Program

Mass Animal Fund's Spay/Neuter Voucher Program is dedicated to helping local animals in need.



Since 2014, the Fund has spent over one million dollars helping over 10,000 cats and dogs in **Massachusetts**. The Fund receives over 100 requests for help each week. We distribute vouchers weekly based on revenue and surgery capacity. **Current wait time to receive a voucher is approximately 1 week for dogs and cats held in municipal shelters; 12 weeks for owned dogs and cats.** If you have an emergency situation, please contact Sheri at 617-626-1740.

To find out if an animal qualifies for a voucher, please see our [Animal Eligibility Chart](#) (</media/1933321/download>).

## For Massachusetts Residents

Do you own a cat or dog that is not spayed or neutered? Is the cost of surgery a financial hardship for you or your family? The Mass Animal Fund can provide free spay/neuter vouchers to low-income residents for their cats and dogs. If you are eligible to receive government help such as: (TAFDC, SSI, VS, SNAP, WIC, etc.) you can qualify.

Massachusetts residents who qualify should contact their local animal control officer to apply. Contact information for municipal animal control officers is available here: [ACO List](#) (</media/1964986/download>).

REQUESTS MADE DIRECTLY FROM RESIDENTS TO MASS ANIMAL FUND CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Already have a voucher and need to schedule surgery? Visit our [Find a Provider](#) page (</info-details/find-a-veterinary-provider>) to find a participating veterinarian.

## For Feral Cat Caregivers

Do you manage a feral colony? The Mass Animal Fund may have funds to help with the spaying/neutering feral cats. Eligible cats are those that are homeless, un-owned, free-roaming, unsocialized, and appear healthy. To be eligible these cats must be released back into their home colony, and receive a 3/8" ear tip at the time of surgery.

Caregivers seeking help should contact their local animal control officer. NO REQUESTS MADE DIRECTLY FROM CAREGIVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Vouchers must be in-hand before trapping and transporting the cat(s) to surgery.

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## For Animal Control Officers

Animal control officers can request vouchers for animals in their community. Homeless cats and dogs in municipal shelters, cats and dogs owned by low income residents, and feral cats may qualify for help.

Not sure if an animal qualifies? Please review our [Animal Eligibility Chart](#)

To request a voucher submit a [Voucher Request Form](#) (</files/documents/2019/02/11/Voucher%20request%20form.pdf>) to Sheri Gustafson. Requests need to be for specific animals; no general requests are accepted.

Look at our [list of providers](#) (</info-details/find-a-veterinary-provider>) to see if there is a clinic in your area that has joined our program. (If you don't see a clinic in your area, reach out to clinics known to you and ask them to sign up!)

## For Participating Spay/Neuter Providers

Mass Animal Fund Providers may request a voucher for low-income clients who qualify for assistance.

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