



WEST VIRGINIA SPAY NEUTER PROGRAM (WVSNP)

- Program passed in 2013, Rules passed in 2015, Funding passed in 2017.
- WVSNP is a state-wide grant program managed by the WV Department of Agriculture (WVDA).
- WVSNP began awarding grants in 2018 through 2026 totaling **\$7,372,396.00**.
- Funded by annual WVDA pet food registration fees, the WV Spay Neuter Program operates at zero cost to taxpayers. It brings in **\$450,000** a year—just half of the \$900,000 originally requested in 2017 before lobbying cuts.
- Since 2022, a private foundation, acknowledging the State's effort, added over **\$1.3M** to WVSNP and **\$2.7M** to ten WV HV/LC Spay Neuter Clinics. This private funding ends in 2027.
- Total spent includes **\$2.1M** contributed by grant recipients from their own funds. See Attachment #4
- 2026 **\$1.9M** requested by grantees **\$1.2M** grant dollars awarded.
- 125,565 WV dogs and cats sterilized in 8 years, each guaranteed to receive a rabies shot.
- WV taxpayers pay an estimated **\$300** per animal (calculated on 5 day hold) for county shelters to house homeless dogs and cats every year.
- **Hundreds of thousands of taxpayers' dollars** will be saved by reducing pet overpopulation.
- Dogs can reproduce at age 7 months, cats can reproduce as early as 4 months
- A single year comparison showed that it cost **\$1,085,640M** to euthanize 4,980 animals and **\$1,005,339M** to sterilize 18,186. See Attachment #4
- Lower pet population reduces incidents of cruelty, neglect, human/animal conflicts, compassion fatigue suffered by animal welfare workers, and threats to community health.
- **A minimum of \$450,000** is requested to avoid the **2027 cliff**.
- Driven by a 62% rise in spay neuter cost since 2018, our required funding must increase from **\$983,237 in 2025 to at a minimum of \$1,592,844 within seven years** to sustain current procedure volumes.
- Spay Neuter is the cost-effective solution to West Virginia's pet overpopulation!