

THE ONLY CURE IS PREVENTION:

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A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO END SHELTER OVERPOPULATION IN AMERICA

OBJECTIVE	GOAL	PROGRAMS NEEDED TO REACH GOAL	FUNDS YEAR/ RESIDENT	SOURCES OF FUNDS	AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS	LEGISLATION NEEDED TO REACH GOAL
1. Reduce over-breeding of pets in low-income households	Increase pet sterilization rate in low-income households to equal that of all other households	Targeted neutering assistance subsidies for low-income pet guardians	\$.30	Public (CAP fee)	Public agencies or non-profit agencies under contract with public agencies	Companion Animal Population Control Fee (CAP fee) on unsterilized pets
2. Reduce homing failures of household pets	Reduce pet homing failures by 20%	-Subsidized pet behavior counseling programs for low-income pet guardians -Pet behavior hotline -Pet behavior information distributed to all adopters	\$.15	Private	Community Coalition of Humane Societies, veterinarians, breeders, and pet shops	Requirement that shelters, pet shops and breeders distribute pet behavior information to all pet adopters
3. Reduce unintended litters of household kittens	Reduce by 50% the number of household cats who have a litter of kittens before being spayed	"Prevent A First Litter" Community Education Campaign	\$.05	Private	Community Coalition of Humane Societies veterinarians, trainers, breeders, and pet shops	Requirement that shelters and pet shops distribute Prevent a First Litter info with kitten adoptions
4. Reduce future breeding of pets adopted from shelters	Decrease future breeding of shelter adoptees by 95%	Sterilization programs for pets adopted from shelters	\$.05	Private	Public and private pet adoption agencies	Requirement that all shelter adoptees be sterilized prior to transfer
5. Reduce shelter euthanasia of unsocialized cats	Reduce euthanasia of unsocialized cats by 75%	-Neutering subsidies -Socialization/placement program subsidies	\$.15	Public (CAP fee)	Community Coalition of Humane Societies & protection groups	Requirement that outside cats be sterilized and microchipped
6. Increase number of lost pets returned to their guardians	Increase dog return-to-guardian rate to 20%; Increase cat return-to-guardian rate to 10%	-Increased dog licensing through rabies certificate notice to licensing agency -Microchipping of shelter adoptees	\$.05	Private	Public and private shelters	-Req't of rabies shot notice to licensing agency -Req't that shelter adoptees be microchipped