

BURIN PENINSULA S.P.C.A

SPAY & NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

This program is funded through the generous support of the CanFel Foundation. This program focuses solely on cat overpopulation and funding is directed to cat owners only.

- SNAP is a program to help alleviate some of the financial burden of having pets spayed or neutered for qualifying applicants on the Burin Peninsula.
- SNAP is renewed each calendar year. Once budgeted monies for one calendar year have been used the program will close. Applicants must reapply at the start of a new year.
- SNAP has a limited budget and applicants must complete the form and submit necessary documentation to help the SPCA determine who will qualify for assistance.

We offer two options for assistance:

1). Prepay through the BP SPCA

How it works:

- 1) You fill out the application and provide all necessary documents.
- 2) Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified if you are approved or not approved.
- 3) If approved, **you pay the spay or neuter fee directly to the BP SPCA** (cash or EMT only).
- 4) Once fees are paid, we consult with you and book your cat's spay/neuter appointment with a participating vet clinic.
- 5) You will be responsible to transport your cat to the spay/neuter appointment at your own expense.
- 6) All fees must be paid and the vet appointment booked for your cats spay/neuter **no later than 3 months** after the approval of the application.

Your spay/neuter cost to the BP SPCA: Male cat neuter - \$140.00. Female cat spay - \$180.00

Participating Veterinary Clinics:

Southern Animal Hospital, 20 Queen's St. Marystown, NL

Community Vet Hospital, 32 Wallace Rd, Milton NL. (Just outside of Clarendville)

Restrictions: All veterinary appointments and inquiries are made by the BP SPCA. The applicant does not contact the vet clinic regarding the SNAP. Appointments may be rescheduled within the allocated time period if need arises. Appointments can be cancelled 1 week prior to the appointment date without any financial penalty. Any unattended appointments will result in your application being nullified and fees will not be reimbursed.

Cats will not be spayed or neutered through the prepaid SNAP if:

- The cat is pregnant.
- The cat has had kittens 2 months prior to the appointment date.
- The cat is sick or injured.
- Upon examination the veterinarian determines the cat is at surgical risk.
- The cat is a Cryptorchidic male (one testicle has not descended).
- The cat is less than 6 months old.

2). Rebate Program

How it works:

- 1) You fill out the SNAP application and provide all necessary documents.
- 2) Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified if you are approved or not approved.
- 3) If approved, you book an appointment with the vet of your choice and **you pay the total cost of the spay or neuter to the vet clinic.**
- 4) You have **3 months exactly**, after the approval date on you application, to have your cat spayed/neutered and to have a copy of the spay/neuter receipt from your vet forwarded to the BP SPCA.
- 5) A rebate will be sent in the form of a cheque to you once spay/neuter confirmation is received **in the time stated.**

Rebate amount: Male cat neuter - \$150.00 Female cat spay - \$200.00

Restrictions: SNAP is for spay and neuter only. Any bloodwork, medications and/or other veterinary costs are the total responsibility of the applicant. SNAP has a set budget per animal and will not apply more monies to that animal. SNAP is an assistance program and does not cover the full costs of spay/neuter.

Things you should discuss with your vet:

- Generally, most veterinarians spay/neuter at 6 months of age. This is subject to preference of the veterinarian as some spay/neuters are now being completed on animals much younger than 6 months.
- If your cat has recently had a litter your vet may prefer not to spay a lactating female.
- A pregnant cat can be spayed, some vets prefer to spay in the first or second trimester of pregnancy.
- Any surgery can result in extra costs due to complications during surgery, pregnancy, medications, blood work etc. Please consult with your veterinarian about the cost of spay and neuter and any other possible fees you may be responsible for before booking your appointment.
- Some vets require your pet have blood work before surgery, some leave the option to you. Inquire about the purpose of blood work.

6. Are you a senior citizen, 65 years or older? YES NO

IF YES: Are you receiving pensions other than Canadian/Old Age Pension?

YES NO

IF YES: List other income: _____

7. Have you provided a copy of previous year's tax return? YES NO

8. In your own words please tell us why you are requesting this assistance:

9. Please answer the following questions regarding your cat:

Name _____ Age: _____

Description: _____

Sex: MALE FEMALE

IF FEMALE: Has your pet recently had a litter? YES NO

IF YES: Date of Birth: _____

Has litter been weened? YES NO

Which type of assistance are you applying for? _____

1). Prepay through the BP SPCA

2). Rebate Program