



Maddie's Fund[®] Pioneer Grants Program

Pre-Grant Inquiry for a Lifesaving Award

The Pet Rescue Foundation

1. Please select the type of Lifesaving Award you intend to apply for. (Check one)

_____ For achieving and maintaining an adoption guarantee for healthy shelter pets in your target community for at least two years (i.e., zero healthy shelter dogs and cats were euthanized in your community's shelters)

_____ For achieving and maintaining no-kill status in your target community for at least two years (i.e., zero healthy and treatable shelter dogs and cats were euthanized in your community's shelters)

2. Identify the contact organization for the Pre-Grant Inquiry. (The contact organization is the animal group responsible for collecting the information and completing the application. Any animal group can apply on behalf of its coalition. The contact organization can be an animal control agency, traditional shelter, or adoption guarantee organization.)

<i>Name of Organization</i>		<i>Contact (Name/Title)</i>	
<i>Address</i>		<i>Telephone</i>	
<i>City/State/Zip</i>		<i>Fax</i>	
<i>Website</i>		<i>Email Address</i>	

3. Identify the name of your coalition.

<i>Name of Coalition</i>	
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4. Identify the geographic area (e.g. county, region or state) that comprises your target community.

<i>Target Community</i>	
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5. How many people, cats and dogs are living in your target community? Human population statistics can be accessed from the Census Bureau web site (www.census.gov) or your local library. The estimates for the number of dogs and cats in your target community can be derived from the American Veterinary Medical Association's calculation described on their web site (www.avma.org) and in their publication, US Pet Ownership & Demographic Source Book.

<i>Human Population (HP)</i> <i>As of _____</i>	
<i>Estimated Population of Cats (not including ferals)</i> <i>[(HP divided by 2.67) multiplied by .66]</i>	
<i>Estimated Population of Dogs</i> <i>[(HP divided by 2.67) multiplied by .58]</i>	

- 6. Participating Groups:** Please identify all the animal groups located in your target community and indicate if they are participating in your coalition. List each group by name under the appropriate category.

At a minimum, your coalition must include all animal control agencies and all traditional shelters located in your target community. Your coalition must also provide an opportunity for adoption guarantee organizations located in your target community to participate.

For each group, please answer the following questions:

- 6a) Does this group operate a shelter?
- 6b) Does this group operate a spay/neuter (s/n) clinic (i.e., an actual facility)?
- 6c) Does this group spay or neuter its animals before adoption?
- 6d) Is this group participating in your coalition? **If the group is not participating in your coalition, please explain.**

For the purposes of this application, there are three categories of organizations: (1) Animal Control (AC); (2) Traditional (TR); and (3) Adoption Guarantee (AG).

Categories of Animal Organizations

Animal Control (AC): Municipal agencies or animal organizations that contract with local governments to provide animal control services.

Traditional (TR): Animal organizations that manage shelter populations by euthanizing pets that are considered to be healthy or treatable in addition to unhealthy & untreatable animals. If a traditional shelter has a contract with local government to provide animal control services, please include this organization in the Animal Control category.

Adoption Guarantee (AG): Animal organizations that save all the healthy and treatable animals under their care, with euthanasia reserved only for unhealthy & untreatable animals. An adoption guarantee organization could be an animal shelter, rescue group, foster care organization, or sanctuary.

An animal organization does not have to say it's an adoption guarantee organization, but it does have to: (1) save all healthy and treatable animals under its care and make public its commitment to doing

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so; (2) clearly articulate to its community that it is saving all healthy and treatable animals under its care; (3) use the definitions of healthy and treatable as described in the Asilomar Accords; and (4) publish, at least annually, in the organization's primary publications and on its website, the organization's shelter statistics, including the number of live intakes, adoptions, returns to owners/guardians, transfers, died in kennel, and euthanasia, including owner-requested euthanasia.

Categories/Definitions of Shelter Animals¹

Healthy: The term "healthy" means and includes all dogs and cats eight weeks of age or older that, at or subsequent to the time the animal is taken into possession, have manifested no sign of a behavioral or temperamental characteristic that could pose a health or safety risk or otherwise make the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet, and have manifested no sign of disease, injury, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the animal or that is likely to adversely affect the animal's health in the future.

Treatable: The term "treatable" means and includes all dogs and cats who are "rehabilitatable" and all dogs and cats who are "manageable."

Rehabilitatable: The term "rehabilitatable" means and includes all dogs and cats who are not "healthy," but who are likely to become "healthy," if given medical, foster, behavioral, or other care equivalent to the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet owners/guardians in the community. (Treatable – rehabilitatable conditions are generally considered to be curable.)

Manageable: The term "manageable" means and includes all dogs and cats who are not "healthy" and who are not likely to become "healthy," regardless of the care provided; but who would likely maintain a satisfactory quality of life, if given medical, foster, behavioral, or other care, including long-term care, equivalent to the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet owners/guardians in the community; *provided, however*, that the term "manageable" does not include any dog or cat who is determined to pose a significant risk to human health or safety or to the health or safety of other animals. (Treatable – manageable conditions are generally considered to be chronic.)

Unhealthy & Untreatable: The term "Unhealthy and Untreatable" means and includes dogs and cats who, at or subsequent to the time they are taken into possession,

1. have a behavioral or temperamental characteristic that poses a health or safety risk or otherwise makes the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet, and are not likely to become "healthy" or "treatable" even if provided the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet owners/guardians in the community; or
2. are suffering from a disease, injury, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the animal's health or is likely to adversely affect the animal's health in the future, and are not likely to become "healthy" or "treatable" even if provided the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet owners/guardians in the community; or

¹These definitions/categorizations of shelter animals are taken from the Asilomar Accords. A full explanation of the Accords is available online at www.maddiesfund.org/organizations/asilomar.html.

investigations, custody care, and statutory/ordinance impoundment; incoming animals from organizations outside the coalition; and dogs and cats turned in or surrendered by their guardians for the purpose of euthanasia)

- **Adoptions** (i.e., dogs and cats placed with members of the public; do not include dogs and cats in foster homes or dogs and cats transferred to other animal groups)
- **Returned to Guardians (RTG)** (i.e., dogs and cats reunited with or reclaimed by their guardians)
- **Transfers to Other Organizations** (i.e., dogs and cats turned over to other animal groups for placement)
- **Total Euthanasia** (i.e., all healthy, treatable, and unhealthy & untreatable dogs and cats euthanized including dogs and cats euthanized at the request of their guardians and dogs and cats ordered to be euthanized by legislative, judicial or administrative action)

7. SHELTER DATA <i>(List Groups by Name under the appropriate category)</i>	TOTAL INTAKE	TOTAL ADOPTIONS	TOTAL RTG	TOTAL TRANSFERS	TOTAL EUTHANASIA
Category 1: Animal Control Shelters					
Category 1: SUBTOTAL					
Category 2: Traditional Shelters					
Category 2: SUBTOTAL					
Category 3: Adoption Guarantee Organizations					
Category 3: SUBTOTAL					
TOTAL FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF ORGANIZATIONS:					

8. Please identify when your community implemented its adoption guarantee for healthy pets.

<i>Starting Date</i>	
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9. Please identify when your community achieved no-kill status whereby all the healthy and treatable pets in your local shelters were guaranteed loving homes.

<i>Starting Date</i>	
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10. What is the feral cat management policy in your target community? Please explain.

11. Questions: To help Maddie’s Fund staff prepare for your conference call, please give us a general idea of your questions and/or areas of concern.