



## **GILA COUNTY DIVISION of HEALTH & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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The Gila County Animal Control Department of the Gila County Division of Health and Emergency Management is requesting funding for a spay/neuter grant to provide services among the Gila County region. Gila County is located in the central part of Arizona and encompasses 4,752 square miles. Gila County consists of five incorporated cities and several smaller communities that hold a population of over 53,000 residents.

Last year, we were able to provide low-cost spay/neuter services to over 40 domestic animals and are, again, excited to have the opportunity to provide this for our community. This grant will reduce the overpopulation of domestic animals throughout the County and provide assistance to pet owners who cannot afford to get their animal(s) surgically altered by providing vouchers to individuals for a fully covered spay or neuter service.

With this grant, we can ensure that all animals leaving our shelter will be provided the opportunity to receive spay/neuter services by offering a fully discounted procedure. This funding will provide spay/neuter services for an estimate of 110 animals, which includes any domestic animal(s) in the shelter that may be adopted out. Our goal is to surgically alter 110 domesticated animals throughout the year at the shelter located in Globe, Arizona. During our clinics we would specifically focus on those pet owners unable to afford the costs of the procedure.

This funding will allow us to promote this service by providing educational information throughout the community, via newspaper articles, social media sites, and radio broadcasts. Educational information will include the importance of having your pet spayed or neutered and the health benefits this service can provide for pets. We will also educate our community about the Arizona Pet Friendly/ Spay and Neuter Specialty

license plate. We understand the importance of this organization and hope our community contributes to the ongoing success of the program.

Dr. Sheena Christensen from the Humane Society of Central Arizona is the veterinarian that will provide services to implement the spay/neuter program. We are confident that we share the same goal and together we can make a difference in our community.

This would be an ongoing program for Gila County Animal Control. We would appreciate the opportunity to continue to make a difference in our community.

