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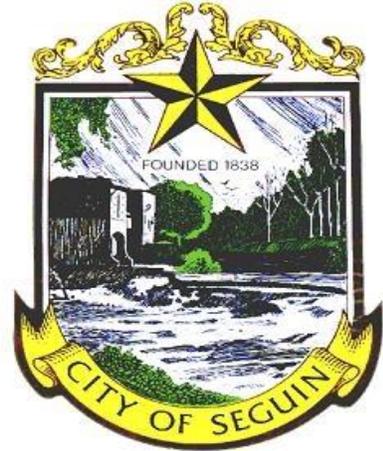
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Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Vouchers Available

Foundation Grant Provides Funding for S.N.A.P.

SEGUIN, Texas – The City of Seguin is excited to again have the opportunity to offer vouchers for low-cost spay/neuter services. Grant funding awarded to the city will allow the operations for as little as \$15 for a neutering or \$25 for a spaying.

“This is a great opportunity to help reduce the overpopulation of homeless animals by proactively sterilizing your pets,” Seguin Animal Services Supervisor Leah Lewis said. “We are so grateful for the grant funding again allowing us to provide vouchers to get the procedures at such a reduced cost.”

Vouchers for the Seguin Animal Services Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (S.N.A.P.) are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each household can receive up to four vouchers. Proof of residency is required. The vouchers can be used at any of four participating Seguin veterinarian clinics and expire after 60 days. Prices vary according to weight and type of operation.

“The voucher covers just the routine spay or neuter,” Lewis continued. “If the dog is in heat, pregnant or if other services are needed, the cost will increase.”

Dogs 25 pounds or less can be spayed for \$25 or neutered for \$15; dogs 26-50 pounds can be spayed for \$30 or neutered for \$20; dogs 51 to 75 pounds can be spayed for \$35 or

neutered for \$25; dogs 76-100 pounds can be spayed for \$40 and neutered for \$30; dogs more than 100 pounds can be spayed for \$50 and neutered for \$40.

The City of Seguin was initially awarded funding in the amount of \$70,020 last year. During the first year, more than 500 vouchers were issued. To date 219 dogs have been spayed and 164 neutered.

“Last time we set a goal of 375 total sterilizations and were able to beat it. This year, we would love to be able to beat that same goal by a wider margin,” Lewis said.

Dog owners must provide proof of rabies vaccination prior to surgery. Rabies vaccinations can be administered the day of the operation for an additional charge. Additional fees may apply for any required blood testing, pre-anesthetic exam, pain medication, flea treatment and intravenous support. Animals that are sick, in heat, nursing or have a medical condition that will put them at risk may be denied sterilization or require addition fees.

“Spaying and neutering improves your dog’s health, benefits the community and reduced pet overpopulation,” Lewis continued.

Applications for vouchers are available at Seguin City Hall (205 North River Street) or at Seguin Animal Services (809 South River Street.) For additional information, please call Seguin Animal Services Supervisor Leah Lewis at (830) 401-2335 or Assistant Director of Finance Tracy Stalnaker at (830) 386-2529.

Additional financial support may be available to residents who can provide proof of income requirements.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin’s robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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