

June 22, 2009

Dear Feral Cat Grant Applicant:

The Department of Agriculture is pleased to offer for the fourth year in a row, grant vouchers to Connecticut charitable organizations for the purpose of providing vaccination and sterilization benefits to feral cats. The continuation of this program is due largely to the success of the agency's Animal Population Control Program (APCP), which will be administering the program. The agency defines a feral cat as being wild by nature and has not been domesticated.

The 2007 passage of Public Act No. 07-105 sets aside annually up to 10% of the program's income to vaccinate and sterilize Connecticut's feral cats (65% of APCP income comes from dog license surcharge revenue). Last year 676 vouchers were issued to twelve (12) CT organizations amounting to \$54,000 in benefits. We are still in the process of compiling information from the recently received outcome reports and hope to have something ready by the Fall.

Enclosed is a Feral Cat Grant Application for fiscal year 2010. Please review the entire application and pay special attention to the *grant proposal details*. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **All applications and pertinent attachments must be mailed to the APCP postmarked by July 31, 2009. This office will not accept faxed or electronic mail copies.**

If you have any further questions, please call the APCP office at (860) 713-2507.

Sincerely,

Frank L. Ribaldo
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CT Department of Agriculture

Enclosures