

June 22, 2012

Dear Feral Cat Grant Applicant:

The Department of Agriculture is pleased to offer grant vouchers to Connecticut non-profit organizations for the purpose of providing vaccination and sterilization benefits for feral cats. The continuation of this program is due to the success of the agency's Animal Population Control Program (APCP). The program defines a feral cat as being wild by nature and has not been domesticated.

Public Act No. 07-105 titled; An Act Concerning the Expansion of the Animal Population Control Program, allows the APCP to dedicate up to 10% of its income to vaccinate and sterilize feral cats (70% from dog license surcharge revenue). The total amount to be awarded will not be known until after July 1, 2012. In FY 2011, \$77,000 was awarded to seventeen (17) non-profit organizations.

Enclosed is a Feral Cat Grant Application for fiscal year 2013. Please review the entire application and pay special attention to the *grant proposal details*. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **All applications must be mailed and postmarked by July 31, 2012. 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 or you can e-mail us at apcp.agr@ct.gov .

Sincerely,

Frank L. Ribaldo
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Enclosures: Grant Application