



DuPage County  
Office of the County Board  
421 North County Farm Road  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187-3978

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**MEMBER INITIATIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION** - *Please complete all sections for submission*

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**SECTION I Organization Information**

Organization	DuPage County Animal Services
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**SECTION II Project Description**

Project Title	DuPage Snip and Chip
Cost of the Project	\$48,155
Brief Description of the Scope of Initiative	Cats are the largest species of animals entering the shelter system and the single largest concern for residents seeing domestic animals living outside. There are not enough low-cost spay/neuter resources to meet the demand of DuPage County residents. DuPage County Animal Services will provide low-cost spay/neuter for both owned cats and trapped feral cats for DuPage County residents.
Desired Outcomes	To reduce the number of unwanted kittens and intact adult cats coming into the shelter. To help pet owners keep multiple cats of different sexes without the concern of unwanted litters. To reduce the number of feral cats breeding outside so the feral cat population can be reduced over time.

**SECTION III Signature**

Member Name	Brian Krajewski (\$38,155), Grant Eckhoff (\$10,000)
District	3, 4
Signature	

**SECTION IV Supplemental Documents**

Please attach the following (if applicable)

- Letters of Engagement from all involved organizations
- Vendor Ethics Disclosures
- Bid Documents
- Proof of Good Standing with IL Secretary of State for all partner organizations
- Tax Documents (such as W-9 forms, where applicable)



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## ANIMAL SERVICES

Member Brian Krajewski  
421 N County Farm Rd  
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June 30, 2025

Member Brian Krajewski:

DuPage County Animal Services is submitting a request to consider funding for a spay neuter program called DuPage Snip and Chip. This program is for pet owners or residents trapping feral cats to have access to low-cost spay/neuter resources. We are requesting a one-time grant of \$50,000 to fund the program.

Cats are the single largest species entering shelters and generating concerns from the public when they are seen outside. The shelter has accepted over 5,000 cats into the shelter since 2020 and the numbers have been increasing year over year.

Our department has also responded to many cat hoarding instances in DuPage County that could be avoided with increased communication and access to affordable spay/neuter surgery. In 2023, officers assisted with the removal of 126 cats from 2 households in DuPage County. In both instances, the residents started feeding outdoor cats and then let them into their homes where they continued to breed until the population got unmanageable. Both residents expressed empathy towards wanting to help the outdoor cat population but also couldn't afford to get them spayed or neutered.

Studies estimate that cats can have up to 3 litters per year, with 50% of all births being female with an average litter size of 4 kittens. 300 spay surgeries have the potential to prevent over 15,000 unwanted births in one year. Funding this program would have an immediate, positive impact in DuPage County. Thank you for your time and consideration of our proposal.

Thank you,

Laura Flamion  
Administrator





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# ANIMAL SERVICES

## DuPage Snip and Chip

A low-cost program for spay/neuter surgeries targeting the DuPage County cat population.

### Desired Outcomes:

- Reduce the number of unwanted kittens and intact adult cats entering the shelter.
- Help reduce the surrender of cats due to concerns of breeding, allowing pet owners to keep multiple cats of different sexes.
- Reduce the number of feral cats breeding outside so the feral cat population can be reduced over time.

### Program Details:

- The program goal is to spay/neuter 500 cats through this program. The department will dedicate a minimum of 10 surgery slots per week that will be subsidized at a rate of \$100 per cat.
- Program communication will include paid social media ads, email lists, partnerships with other agencies to share program details through their marketing channels and targeting zip codes where the shelter sees the largest intake numbers.
- Pet owners must show proof of DuPage County residency.
- No limit per household.
- Subsidy covers surgery, pain control, 1 year rabies vaccine, FVRCP vaccine, microchip, DuPage County rabies registration tag, and nail trim.

