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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Dale Hamilton, Director, Santa Rosa County Animal Services  
**SUBJECT:** Florida Animal Friend, (FAF) Spay/Neuter Grant  
**DATE:** March 15, 2016

### RECOMMENDATION

Recommend authorization to apply for the Florida Animal Friend (FAF) Spay/neuter license plate grant program in the amount of \$25,000, with no match requirement.

### BACKGROUND

Established in 2005, Florida Animal Friend Inc. is a non-profit organization devoted to helping other non-profit organizations and governmental agencies around the state of FL to fund spay/neuter programs. The grants are funded through the sale of the Florida Animal Friend license plate. The FAF program receives \$25 for each spay/neuter license plate that is purchased and renewed each year, which allows revenue generated to be distributed among eligible organizations who have applied for the grant.

If approved, this would allow the Animal Shelter, for the fifth year, to offer spaying and neutering to low income families of Santa Rosa County, for a small co-pay. In the combined four years of participation, approximately, 1600 pets have been spayed or neutered, at a limit of 2 per family. The grant year runs from mid-August when the check is received to September 1, a year later.

### NEXT STEPS

Applying with FAF. If approved, will receive funding in mid-August. Program to begin October 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

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