

## Information for Veterinarians

**Whiteside County Health Department along with Animal Control encourages veterinarians to participate in our program.**

- Any veterinarian practicing in the state of Illinois may participate in the program
- Prior to participation in the program, veterinarians must successfully complete the application process.
- Veterinarians are reimbursed for services based on the type and weight of animal, in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- Veterinarians who voluntarily participate in this sterilization and vaccination program may decline to treat feral cats if they choose.

For additional information or to enroll in the program, please contact Whiteside County Animal Control at (815) 625-3507.

# Checklist

- Meet eligibility requirements
- Submit voucher with proof of eligibility to Department
- Present the approved voucher to a veterinarian participating in the program
- Pay the veterinarian a \$15 co-pay (per animal) at the time of the surgery.



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# Whiteside County Animal Control Population Program



## A Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program for Whiteside County

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## The Reason for the Program

Anna Cieslewicz, 48, of Evergreen Park was mauled to death by a stray dog while jogging in Dan Ryan Woods. In 2005, The IL Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Act, also known as the Anna Cieslewicz Act or 'Anna's Law' was passed to create the IL Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Program.

The purpose of the program is to reduce the population of unwanted stray dogs and cats by encouraging the owners of dogs and cats to have their animals altered (spay/neuter). It also provides a means for low-income pet owners to have their animals vaccinated against rabies.

It is believed that potential threats to the public's health and safety would be decreased. Statistics have shown that most bites are inflicted by unaltered male dogs.



## Who is Eligible?

In order to be eligible for the program, you must:

- Be a resident of Whiteside County, Illinois
- Own a dog or cat; and
- Be eligible for the Food Stamp Program or the Social Security Disability Insurance Benefits Program. (A copy of a Notice of Decision, Statement of Benefits, or a letter from a local food stamp office is acceptable proof of eligibility).

### Information for Feral Cat Managers

A resident of Whiteside County, Illinois who is managing a feral cat colony and who humanely traps feral cats for spaying or neutering and return is also eligible to participate in the program. However, the trap/sterilize/return program must be recognized by the municipality or by the county.

Proof of recognition must be provided to the Animal Control. A voucher is required for each feral cat.

You must pay the participating veterinarian a \$15 co-pay, per animal, at the time of the surgery.



## How Do I Participate?

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you may participate by filling out a voucher and return it to Whiteside County Animal Control. Upon approval, your voucher will be returned to you. You would then take the approved voucher to a participating veterinarian at the time of appointment.

Vouchers along with a list of the participating veterinarians are available at Whiteside County Animal Control, Whiteside County Health Department and some veterinarian offices.

You must pay the participating veterinarian a \$15 co-pay, per animal, at the time of surgery.