

How does the DCSP Sterilization Program Work?

It is funded by plate sales, the income tax check box and private donations.

The Georgia Department of Agriculture administers the program with 3 goals in mind:

GOAL

1

Help pay for dog and cat sterilization procedures performed by licensed and accredited Georgia veterinarians.

Provide educational materials that promote spay/neuter as a healthy choice.

GOAL

2

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://agr.georgia.gov/dog-cat-sterilization-program.aspx>

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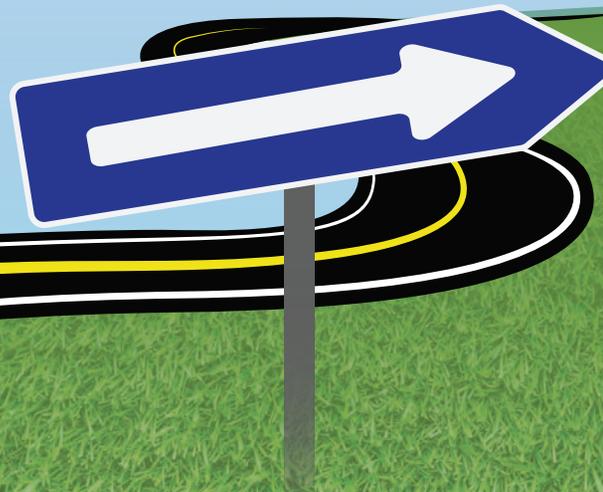
This brochure is available in pdf format on our website to print and pass along to media, local officials, veterinary clinics, pet stores, friends and neighbors.

Contributions to the Dog and Cat Sterilization Program (DCSP) may be sent to:

**Georgia Department of Agriculture,
Finance Department, Room 222
19 M.L.K., Jr. Drive SW
Atlanta, GA 30334**

THREE PLATES. ONE PURPOSE *Saving lives!*

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How Can I Help?

- Buy a Dog & Cat Sterilization License Plate
- Make a tax-deductible contribution
- Ask your employer to match your contribution
- Help educate others about sterilization
- Honor/remember someone with a contribution
- Encourage family and friends to spay and neuter
- Urge your veterinarian to participate
- Donate with the State Income Tax

Donate Directly

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Check off Dog & Cat Sterilization
Fund on form 500 or 500EZ

Program Fast Facts

No tax money goes to the program. Purchasing the special license plate is voluntary. When a new tag is purchased, \$19 of the \$25 fee goes to the program. With a tag renewal, \$20 of \$25 is contributed. All donations are 100% tax-deductible. People in all 159 counties have access to the program.

Why is a sterilization program important?

Dog and cat overpopulation is a tragic problem in all areas of Georgia. Each year thousands of healthy, friendly dogs and cats are housed and euthanized in Georgia's animal shelters because people have allowed them to stray and breed. There are not enough homes for these excess animals. Sterilization is the solution to dog and cat overpopulation. It reduces:

- Stray dogs and cats
- Dogs and cats housed and killed in shelters
- City/county tax burden for animal control
- Destruction to property and livestock
- Health risks and bad behavior
- Car accidents
- Wildlife and habitat destruction
- Spread of diseases like rabies

Program supported by: Association of County Commissioners | Georgia Animal Control Association | Georgia Canine Coalition | Georgia Department of Agriculture | Georgia Emergency Management Agency | Georgia Municipal Association | Georgia Farm Bureau | Humane Association of Georgia | Georgia Sheriffs' Association | Georgia Veterinary Medical Association | Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I purchase a dog and cat sterilization license plate at any time during the year?

A: Yes. Plates may be purchased at any time, by surrendering your current plate to your county tag office. There is a \$25 Manufacturing Fee and a \$35 Special Tag Fee. Your county tag office can answer questions about the purchasing of a tag.

Q: Can I buy the plate online?

A: Yes. For more information go to the Department of Revenue website at: <https://mvd.dor.ga.gov/tags/index.aspx>

Q: Who may apply for the grant funds?

A: County and Municipal Animal Shelters, Licensed, tax exempt animal rescue organizations and non-profit, tax exempt veterinary associations.

Q: How do I as an individual apply to have my animal sexually altered?

A: As an individual you would apply to one of the organizations that were recipients of the grants. A list of the recipients can be found on the website at <http://www.agr.georgia.gov/dog-cat-sterilization-program.aspx>