

SNIP: The Strategic Key to Ending Pet Overpopulation in Alabama

At the **Animal-Angels Foundation**, our motto of **Prevention, Support, and Community** begins with a simple but powerful truth: the most effective way to help shelter animals is to prevent them from entering the system in the first place. This is the driving force behind the **Spay/Neuter Initiative Program (SNIP)**.

By removing the financial barriers to essential reproductive healthcare, SNIP is more than just a medical service—it is a community-wide investment in a future where every pet has a home and every litter is planned.

Removing Barriers with the "SNIP Stipend"

We recognize that for many hardworking families, the cost of surgery is only one part of the equation. Recovery requires time, care, and sometimes extra supplies. Unlike traditional low-cost clinics, **SNIP doesn't just offer free surgery**.

To ensure families have the **Support** they need for a successful recovery, we provide a **\$100 completion stipend** to qualifying families. This stipend is designed to help cover the costs of post-operative care, transportation, or any additional needs the pet may have as they heal.

Qualifications & Eligibility

To ensure we are helping the families who need it most, SNIP is available to residents who meet the following criteria:

- **Residency:** You must be a permanent Alabama resident living in **Jefferson, Blount, Bibb, St. Clair, Shelby, Chilton, or Walker** counties.
- **Income:** Combined annual household income must be **\$60,000 or less**.
- **Ownership:** You must be the legal owner of the pet and at least **18 years of age**.

Health & Safety Requirements

The safety of your pet is our top priority. To ensure they are healthy enough for surgery, we adhere to the following medical guidelines:

- **Age:** Pets must be between **8 weeks and 12 years** of age.
- **Weight:** All pets must weigh at least **2 lbs**. Dogs must not exceed **99 lbs**.
- **Mothers:** Female pets must be at least **8 weeks post-whelping** (after weaning their last litter).
- **Vaccinations:** To maintain a sterile and safe environment for all, proof of **DAPP (for dogs)** or **FVRCP (for cats)** is required at the time of check-in.

Why SNIP is Good for Everyone

When you participate in SNIP, you aren't just helping your own pet; you are contributing to a healthier **Community** and a stronger **Local Economy**:

1. **For Taxpayers:** Every litter prevented means thousands of dollars saved in municipal animal control, sheltering, and euthanasia costs.
2. **For Pet Owners:** Spayed and neutered pets live longer, healthier lives and are less likely to develop certain cancers or behavioral issues like roaming and aggression.
3. **For Local Government:** Reducing the stray population creates safer neighborhoods and decreases the public health risks associated with unvaccinated roaming animals.

Take the First Step Today

The Animal-Angels Foundation is committed to making pet ownership sustainable and joyful. By choosing SNIP, you are taking a stand for **Prevention** and helping us build a more compassionate Alabama.