



The Northern Ontario Animal Welfare Society

PALS (Prevent-a-litter Subsidy) Program

Goals and Objectives of PALS Program:

To further its stated purpose of reducing the cruelty of pet overpopulation by encouraging pet owners to have pets sterilized, the Northern Ontario Animal Welfare Society (NOAWS), with the assistance of the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), has established a spay/neuter subsidy fund to assist qualifying pet owners with surgery costs.

Target:

The Prevent-a-Litter Subsidy (PALS) program will subsidize the cost of alteration of 50 cats and/or dogs by year end, 2004.

Program Description:

1. Criteria for approval

NOAWS PALS Program is designed to assist qualifying individuals with the cost of spaying or neutering animals in their immediate care. Criteria for approval of assistance are flexible and based on a variety of factors. Prospective clients must meet at least one of the following eligibility requirements to qualify:

Eligibility Requirement	Verification to be provided
Low/Fixed Family Income	Income Tax Return
Receiving Social Assistance/Pension	Pay Stub or Income Tax Return
Senior Citizen (over 65)	Personal Identification
*Other special circumstances, as approved by NOAWS PALS Committee	To be determined

*Applications will be prioritized based on the needs of families on fixed incomes. As such, persons on financial assistance, disability pensions and seniors will receive primary consideration for assistance.

Should additional funding become available, the PALS committee will reconsider applications from students residing in their parental home, families that have extenuating circumstances, or multiple pets, and others that feel the need to have applied for assistance

Application Process

- a) Persons wishing to apply for subsidies must complete a "PALS Application Form" and submit this form to the NOAWS PALS committee. Application forms will be available through NOAWS board members, the Iroquois Falls Animal Hospital, as well as from the NOAWS Website (www.noaws.com).

- b) Completed applications, with proof of eligibility (See part 1 above), must be submitted to:
Northern Ontario Animal Welfare Society, PALS Committee
PO Box 51
Iroquois Falls, Ontario P0K 1G0
- c) Completion of the application does not guarantee assistance. Applications will be reviewed by the PALS Committee with 30 days of receiving the application.
- d) A member of the PALS committee will notify the applicant within 30 days of receipt of the application to verify information and/or to approve or deny the application. (*Note: Decisions of the PALS committee are final*).
- e) Upon approval, a signed copy of the application will be remitted to the Iroquois Falls Animal Hospital by the PALS Committee. Appointments for spay/neuter under the PALS program will not be accepted until this copy of the application has been received by the Iroquois Falls Animal Hospital.
- f) Applicant will be required to make an appointment with the Iroquois Falls Animal Hospital, and to follow the Veterinarian's recommendations in regard to vaccinations, the appropriate age to perform the surgery, meals before surgery, etc...
- g) Applicant will be required to pay the BALANCE of the veterinary bill to the Iroquois Falls Animal Hospital prior to release of the animal to the owner.
- h) By accepting subsidies under the NOAWS PALS program, applicants agree to have their pets' information and photos used for promotional purposes.
- i) All information regarding subsidies, personal finances and other personal information provided will be kept confidence by NOAWS Boardmembers

Subsidy Amounts:

NOAWS will subsidize the cost of spay/neuter for cats and dogs, including the cost of initial examination/office visit and vaccine, if required, in the following amounts:

Cat Spay	\$60
Cat Neuter	\$40
Dog Spay	\$100
Dog Neuter	\$80
Vaccination	\$25

Due to limited funds for the PALS program, NOAWS reserves the right to limit the number of animals subsidized per household.

Transportation:

NOAWS will provide a cash refund to cover expenses to transport other persons' animals to the Iroquois Falls Animal Hospital. Refunds are available for the following amounts:

- From Matheson: \$10
- From Cochrane: \$10
- From Timmins: \$20