

Budget Guidance and Sample Budgets



Accessible Spay/Neuter Toolkit

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Several organizations provide guidance and tools about how to set out a budget for accessible spay/neuter operations.

High volume stationary spay/neuter clinics

Humane Alliance's approach is the model of choice for Canadian organizations that have implemented high volume stationary clinics. Humane Alliance provides a detailed budget spreadsheet with a guide and How-To video explaining how to use the spreadsheet. In addition, they have a building resource and equipment guide as well as an equipment list. All these tools are available at

www.humanealliance.org/e-learning#program-feasibility-pre-opening-considerations

MASH-style clinics

Alberta Spay Neuter Taskforce delivers high volume spay/neuter MASH-style clinics to First Nations and other communities. They have kindly provided a detailed inventory, complete with estimated costs, of equipment necessary to set up a clinic with 2 surgery tables. For further advice or questions, please find their contact information on the homepage of their website

www.abtaskforce.org

[Sample inventory for MASH-style clinic](#)

Subsidized services offered through existing veterinary clinics

Meow Foundation in Calgary offers a subsidized spay/neuter assistance program (SNAP) where low income cat owners apply to receive surgery at a reduced cost at private veterinary clinics throughout the city. Partner clinics offer surgeries at a reduced fee. The Foundation in turn asks for a further subsidized fee from clients. The Foundation's funds are directed towards paying the difference between the clinic's fee and the amount received from the client. The amount of the subsidy depends on the applicant's income and other factors. Based on the applicant's address a nearby partner clinic is selected.

As beneficiaries of consistent funding over the last eight years, Meow Foundation has been able to set a stable monthly budget. A small part of the budget provides the wages of a part-time administrator. Most of the program is administered online with an automated email system to reduce the administrator's time. The remainder of the amount goes toward the surgery subsidy. As a simple example: a partnering clinic may offer to provide \$110 spays in the program (reduced from the normal fee of, say, \$350); an applicant may qualify to receive a \$75 spay. Meow Foundation would pay the \$35 difference. If the Foundation's monthly budget was \$2100 and they received all the same type of application, they could fund 60 subsidized spays.

Mobile clinics

While mobile spay/neuter clinics may not yet be used in Canada, this article dating from 2000 provides some considerations and general cost estimates for mobile clinics.

www.maddiesfund.org/Maddies_Institute/Articles/Mobile_Spay_Neuter_Clinics.html