

“Saving over 40,000 animals  
on the First Coast”



# FIRST COAST NO MORE HOMELESS PETS



ANNUAL REPORT / 2008 - 2009

A non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

# Message from Rick DuCharme

## Founder and Executive Director

Dear Supporters and Friends;

Over the last several years our nation has faced some hard times and most non-profit organizations have endured significant financial challenges. We have been very fortunate to have generous supporters and a sound business plan that has allowed us to grow in these tough times at the exact time when demand for our services was growing.

The progress of the past year allows us great hope for a future when there are truly No More Homeless Pets. In 2002 when FCNMHP was founded there were 33,847 entering Duval shelters and 23,104 dying in shelters. This past Fiscal Year, I am pleased to announce that shelter admissions are down to 25,603 and shelter deaths are down to 12,744. A decrease of 45% in shelter deaths.

Now that we have discovered the means to accomplish our goal of No More Homeless Pets, we need to create the tools to keep us growing. Our biggest tool is the Joseph A. Strasser Animal Health & Welfare Building. Our 16,000 square foot building houses our spay/neuter clinic, veterinary clinic and headquarters. This building is one of the largest spay/neuter clinics in the country and once fully equipped and staffed will enable us to perform 220 surgeries each day. We are currently doing between 75-85 surgeries each day.

This past year we have witnessed the Feral Freedom program becoming entrenched in Duval County. Many other animal controls and humane societies are watching our programs closely and preparing to duplicate this innovative program in their communities. Feral Freedom is the first program of its kind. We transport all the outdoor, community and feral cats that enter the Animal Care and Protective Services to our clinic for spay/neuter, vaccination and return to their home territory; saving the lives of more than 5,000 cats each year.

Thank you to our many friends and supporters who have assisted in getting us closer to our goals. With continued support and expansion of our funding sources, we will continue to work towards a day when there are No More Homeless Pets in the state of Florida.

Best Wishes,



Rick DuCharme  
Founder/Director



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Over 65,000 surgeries and counting!

# About First Coast No More Homeless Pets

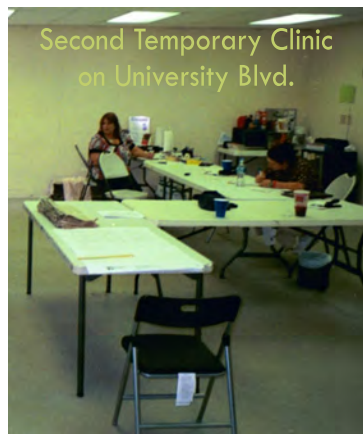


**Our Mission:** The mission of First Coast No More Homeless Pets (FCNMHP) is to eliminate the killing of dogs and cats in our community through free and low-cost spay and neuter programs.

**Our History:** First coast No More Homeless Pets was founded in 2001 when Rick DuCharme, founder and executive director, developed the SpayJax program in response to a request by the City of Jacksonville for a city funded spay/neuter program. Following SpayJax, SpayNassau was developed along with two other low-cost programs. In 2006, our Trap-Neuter-Return program was developed to offer low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for feral, stray, outdoor and community cats. In August 2008 our Feral Freedom program kicked off saving approximately 5,000 feral cats a year. April 2009 we moved in and opened our state of the art high volume and high quality spay/neuter and wellness clinic.



First Temporary Clinic  
at Edison Avenue



Second Temporary Clinic  
on University Blvd.

# The Joseph A. Strasser Animal Health and Welfare Building



**Our Accomplishments:** Since 2003 we have facilitated over 65,000 pet sterilizations in the First Coast area. We have seen an overall reduction in pet intake of approximately 28% and a 45% decrease in the number of animals having to be euthanized. Prior to our programs, admissions and euthanasia were increasing by as much as 10% annually.

**The High Volume Spay/Neuter Clinic:** FCNMHP opened our high volume, high quality spay/neuter clinic April 2009, in the Joseph A. Strasser Animal Health and Welfare Building, to facilitate the needed increase in surgeries. Much research has been undertaken to ensure the success of this facility including touring many high volume clinics in the Southeast and seeking a mentoring relationship with recognized experts in the field of high volume pet sterilizations.

After careful consideration of population demographics, shelter admission statistics and availability of services, it was decided to seek a location on the North West quadrant of Jacksonville. Our spay/neuter clinic is modeled after the most effective clinics in the country that focus on high volume and high quality pet sterilizations. The clinic is designed with the capacity for up to 200 daily sterilizations, making it one of the highest volume clinics in the country when at full capacity.

To help support our low-cost and free spay/neuter programs, we also provide affordable pet health care. We offer vaccinations, testing, microchipping, flea and heartworm preventative and treatment in our Wellness Clinic.



# FCNMHP Scrapbook



# Board Members and Staff

## Board Members

Debbie Fields - President

Leigh Burdett - Secretary

Tom Moilanen - Treasurer

Kim Tippin

Kelly Delaney

Lee Conway

Anastasia Regas Stone

Joseph A. Strasser

Peter Marsh

Emily MaGee

## FCNMHP Staff

Rick DuCharme  
Founder & Executive Director

Doreen Arteaga  
Bookkeeper & Office Manager

Cameron Moore  
Program Director

Dr. Kelly Farrell  
Medical Director

Cheryl Plantz  
Clinic Manager

Brandi McGrath  
Transport Manager

Grand Opening of  
The Joseph A. Strasser  
Animal Health  
& Welfare Building



Left to right - Rick DuCharme (FCNMHP), Lou Vaccaro (Jacksonville Bank), Mayor John Peyton (Jacksonville), Joseph A. Strasser (FCNMHP Building Sponsor and Board Member)

# Partners

## Groups we partner with

Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services

Jacksonville Humane Society

Clay County Animal Care and Control

Humane Society of Northeast Florida

Springfield Animal Care Rescue Club

Animal Haven of Hope Society, Inc.

St. Augustine Humane Society

Nassau County Animal Services

Nassau Humane Society

Cats Angels, Inc.

Rain Humane

Cat Bugs Pet Rescue, Inc.

Lucky Cat Adoptions, Inc.

Someone Cares Rescue, Inc.

Ana's Angels

**Help us end the needless  
killing of cats and dogs  
in our community!**





# Area FCNMHP Serves

First Coast No More Homeless Pets transports, coordinates transports, and serves the following Florida and Georgia Counties.

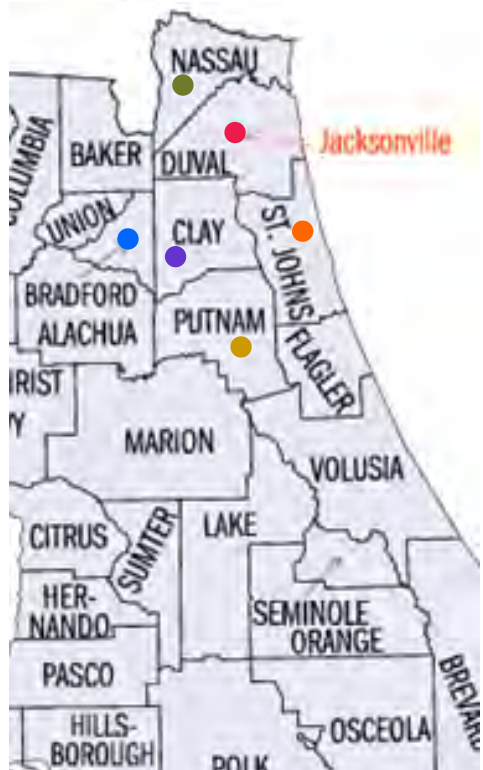
## Georgia

- Liberty County



## Florida

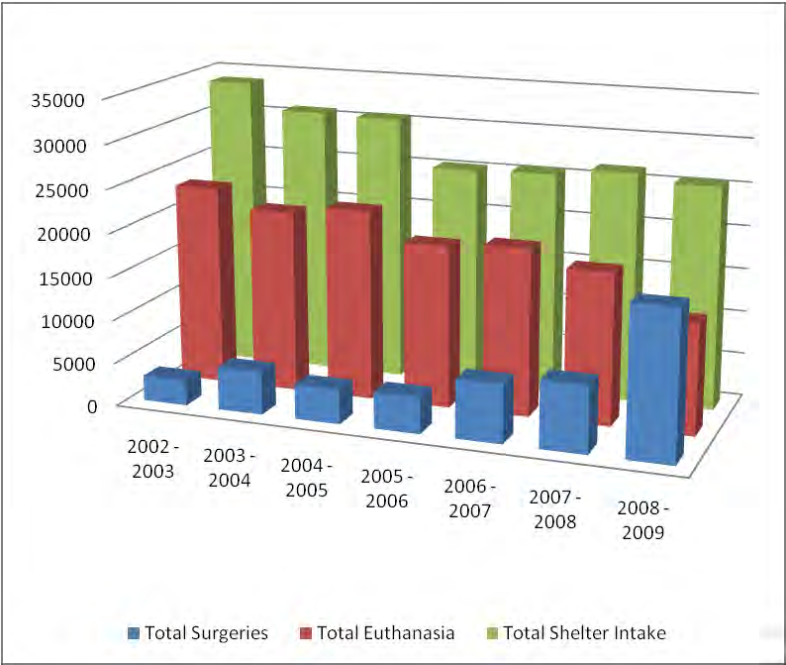
- Duval
- Nassau
- St. Johns
- Clay
- Putnam
- Bradford



# Mission Progress

## Shelter Statistics

As surgery numbers increase the shelter intake and euthanasia numbers decrease. High volume spay/neuter programs are the only proven method to end the pet overpopulation problem.



	02 - 03	03 - 04	04 - 05	05 - 06	06 - 07	07 - 08	08 - 09
Total Surgeries	2,910	4,937	4,000	4,232	6,775	7,744	17,062
Total Euthanasia	23,104	21,004	21,886	18,690	19,242	17,430	12,744
Total Shelter Intake	33,847	30,862	30,658	25,355	25,616	26,443	25,603

## Number of surgeries

08 - 09 Fiscal Year/ Month	SpayJax	Spayathon	Low Cost	FCNMHP Low Cost	Maddies Fund	SNAP	Total
October	No funding	17	90	741	514	No Funding	1,362
November	113	3	24	808	366	3	1,317
December	162	5	33	712	185	5	1,102
January	255	2	25	763	250	22	1,317
February	337	2	27	792	186	19	1,363
March	398	1	10	718	154	24	1,305
April	355	3	31	713	166	28	1,296
May	356	2	6	632	82	11	1,089
June	No Funding	Discontinued	Discontinued	1,366	170	No Funding	1,536
July	No Funding	Discontinued	Discontinued	1,567	203	No Funding	1,770
August	No Funding	Discontinued	Discontinued	1,610	191	No Funding	1,801
September	No funding	Discontinued	Discontinued	1,616	188	No funding	1,804
Total	1,976	35	246	12,038	2,655	112	17,062

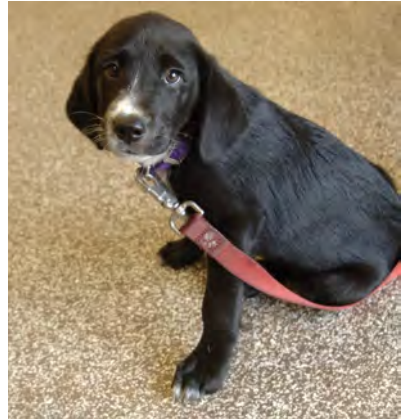
"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress  
can be judged by the way its animals are treated"  
Mahatma Gandhi

# Programs

## SpayJax and SpayNassau

Owners that qualify for free spay/neuter surgery for their pets under the SpayJax or SpayNassau programs must have documentation of their participation in one of the following assistance programs:

- Food Stamps
- Medicaid, MediPass, MedKids, HealthEase, Healthy Kids, (Shands) Community Health, JaxCare
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- SSI (Supplemental Security Income - this is not Social Security)
- Section 8, Public Housing
- Or have proof of Low Income Level calculated with number of persons living in household



Scheduling the surgery appointment:

- Owners that qualify must schedule their pets SpayJax or SpayNassau surgery appointment with the FCNMHP clinic located in the Joseph A. Strasser Animal Health & Welfare Building.
- Owners must produce their pets city license tag or will have to purchase one at time of surgery. All pets must be licensed by the city to qualify for the free surgery.
- Owners must produce a picture ID, proof of residence in Duval or Nassau County, and proof of their participation in one of the above programs or proof of income.



# Maddie's Fund

*Sponsored by*



*The Pet Rescue Foundation*

In October, 2007, Maddie's Fund® approved a grant for a two-year targeted spay/neuter project in Duval County. In order to reduce intake and euthanasia in Duval County animal shelters, Maddie's® Spay/Neuter Project is targeting cats in the 32211 zip code. This area has the highest number of feline shelter admissions. The Targeted Zip Code Spay/Neuter Project for Duval County focuses on owned, stray, and feral cats in the 32211 area, providing a free spay or neuter surgery and Rabies vaccination.

Maddie's Fund®, The Pet Rescue Foundation, ([www.maddiesfund.org](http://www.maddiesfund.org)) is a family foundation funded by Workday and PeopleSoft Founder Dave Duffield and his wife, Cheryl. Maddie's Fund is helping to create a no-kill nation where all healthy and treatable shelter dogs and cats are guaranteed a loving home.

To achieve this goal, Maddie's Fund is investing its resources in building community collaborations where animal welfare organizations come together to develop successful models of lifesaving; in veterinary colleges to help shelter medicine become part of the veterinary curriculum; in private practice veterinarians to encourage greater participation in the animal welfare cause; and in the implementation of national strategies to collect and report shelter statistics.

08 - 09	Maddie's Fund Surgeries
October	514
November	366
December	185
January	250
February	186
March	154
April	166
May	82
June	170
July	203
August	191
September	188





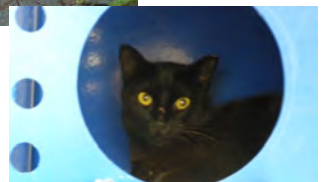
# Feral Freedom



## THERE IS A NEW APPROACH IN JACKSONVILLE TO FERAL CAT POPULATION CONTROL TRAP • NEUTER • RETURN (TNR)

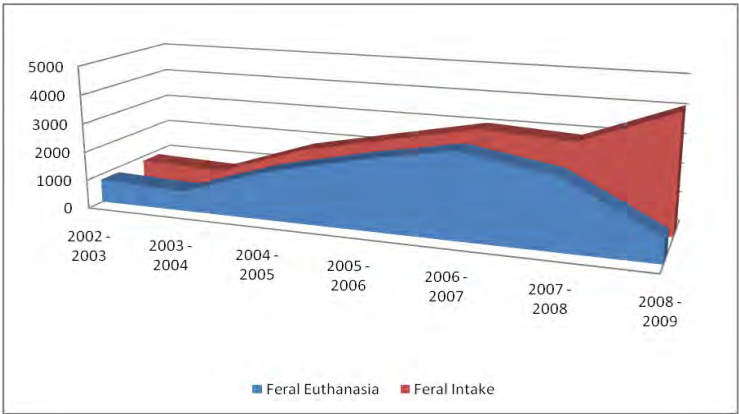
As of August 1, 2008, any feral cat brought to Jacksonville Animal Care & Protective Services, either by the field officers or by the public, will no longer be euthanized at the tax payers' expense. Instead, these cats will be processed through the Feral Freedom program sponsored by First Coast No More Homeless Pets. Each cat will be vaccinated, spayed or neutered, ear tipped (the universal symbol of a sterilized feral cat), treated for fleas and ear mites and returned to its territory within a matter of a few days.

The chances that a feral cat would live used to be very slim. The number of feral intake was almost the same as the euthanasia rate. In August 2008 that changed with the inception of the Feral Freedom program. That year the feral intake number was up but the euthanasia rate dramatically decreased. All the ferals that came through our program were rereleased into their territory and were allowed to live.



# Feral Freedom Cont.

	Feral Euthanasia	Feral Intake
2002 - 2003	810	835
2003 - 2004	699	729
2004 - 2005	1,689	1,781
2005 - 2006	2,381	2,427
2006 - 2007	2,955	3,054
2007 - 2008	2,434	2,885
2008 - 2009	795	4,118



Feral Freedom is a partnership between First Coast No More Homeless Pets, Best Friends Animal Society and the City of Jacksonville Animal Care & Protective Services.

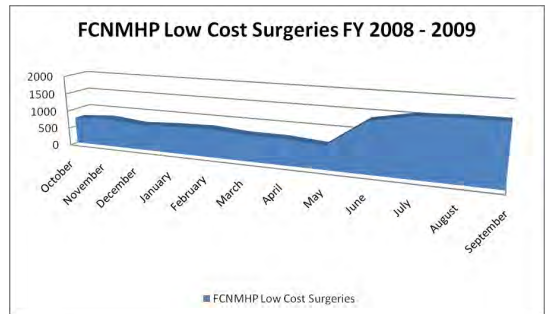


# Low-Cost Spay/Neuter and Wellness Clinic



## Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

FCNMHP Low-Cost spay and neuter program is open to anyone. Surgeries are discounted and available through our spay/neuter clinic.



## Wellness Clinic

Located in The Joseph A. Strasser Animal Health and Welfare Building.

Low-Cost vaccinations, micro-chipping, flea and heartworm preventatives and a variety of tests are available! No Appointments are necessary! Dogs, Cats, Puppies, and Kittens are welcome.

FCNMHP Wellness clinic is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 am to 6 pm

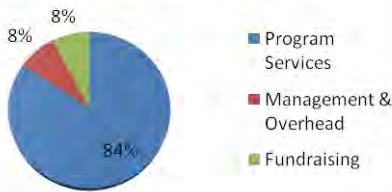
# FCNMHP Budget

2009

	Expense amount	Percent of expenses
Program Services	\$1,496,037	84%
Management & Overhead	\$138,709	8%
Fundraising	\$138,214	8%
Total Expenses	\$1,772,960	



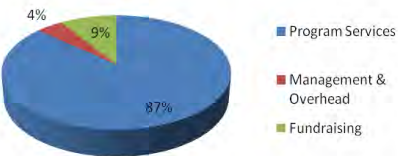
2009 Expenses



2008

	Expense amount	Percent of expenses
Program Services	\$811,890	87%
Management & Overhead	\$40,191	4%
Fundraising	\$85,547	9%
Total Expenses	\$937,628	

2008 Expenses



# FCNMHP Goals and Future



Our goal is to have  
no more homeless pets!

- Within 5 years we can end the killing of dogs and cats in Duval County.
- Within 8 years we can end the killing of dogs and cats in the First Coast area.
- Within 10 years we will be well on our way to no more homeless pets in Florida!

## To achieve our goals:

- The clinic will be operating at 220 surgeries a day.
- 6 Transport vehicles will be delivering pets for surgery from throughout the First Coast area.
- We will have a Full Service Veterinary Clinic providing low cost care for those in need.
- Our facility will act as a hurricane refuge for small animal shelters in the path of approaching storms.





# Thank You!

Businesses and individuals who have been major supporters in our fiscal year 2008-2009.

Alex and Becky Cummins  
All about the dog  
Animal Care & Protective Services  
Answer Jacksonville  
AVS of Orange Park, Inc.  
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Winn-Dixie





"Saving over 7,000  
feral, free roaming  
and community cats  
every year!"

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**Jacksonville, Florida 32208**

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