Collin County Best Friends Animal Grant

2026 - The Rachel Ray Save Them All Grants and The Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence Grants

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Application Form

Details of Grant Proposal

Rachael Ray Save Them All Grant Proposal

- Before you begin an application, please review the requirements.
- The Rachael Ray Save Them All Grants fund projects that increase lifesaving of cats and dogs in U.S. shelters.
- We welcome project proposals from public and private shelters, as well as rescue groups and other animal welfare organizations focused on impacting lifesaving at shelters.
- Your organization can apply for a grant of up to $50,000, with the amount requested not exceeding 10% of your operating budget.

Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence Grant Proposal

- The Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence Grants fund projects that will help already no-kill organizations maintain their lifesaving and/or assist other organizations in their community to reach the 90% threshold. These grants celebrate groups that are leading the movement through innovative partnerships, mentorships, and progressive collaborations within their community.
- No-Kill Excellence Grants may fund scalable programs that support positive outcomes for animals in other network partner cities and emerging no-kill communities. You can read more about the No-Kill Excellence grants here.
- Please familiarize yourself with the grant requirements before applying.

The deadline to submit an application is Monday, November 3, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time.

Which Grant are you submitting a grant proposal for?
The Rachael Ray Save Them All

Project Name*
Collin County Best Friends Animal Grant

What is your annual operating budget?*
Amount Requested
No-Kill Excellence: Your organization can apply for a grant of up to $60,000, with the amount requested not exceeding 10% of your operating budget.
Save Them All: Your organization can apply for a grant of up to $50,000, with the amount requested not exceeding 10% of your operating budget.

$49,920.00

Below is the total number of impacts you provided on your LOI. If they need to be adjusted, please reach out to your regional team for assistance.

Total Number of Both cats and dogs impacted by Foster Programming
Total Number of Both cats and dogs impacted by Managing and Diverting Intakes
Total Number of Both cats and dogs impacted by Medical Programming
265

Total Number of Both cats and dogs impacted by Transfer/Transport
Total Number of Cats Impacted by Community Cat Programming
Total Number of Both cats and dogs impacted by Pet Retention/Safety Net Programs
Total Number of Both cats and dogs impacted by Return-to-Home Programming

Introduction

Will you or a partner organization achieve a 90% save rate or higher through this project?
No

Project Summary & Lifesaving Impact*
Collin County Animal Services does not have a spay/neuter budget that is provided by the county. We rely 100% on donations for this fund. This grant would allow us to continue increasing our positive outcomes through vetting and preparing for adoption.

What programs are you most proud of?*
We are most proud of the progress we have made with our medical program in ensuring every animal is vaccinated on intake and re-vaccinated on schedule. We also have improved both our foster program tremendously. This program directly allows us to maintain a higher positive outcome by giving us more space in the shelter for the incoming animals as well as providing more information about the individual animals for their future adopters.
We have also focused on fundraising and events to increase awareness of the shelter. Our most successful was a 5k run that has now become an annual event.

In what areas is there room for improvement within your organization?*

What activities and/or processes lack effectiveness or could be better executed?
We could still use improvement in staff retention which leads to an improvement in consistency of operating procedures. As we train our staff to perform tasks and processes more effectively and to completion, it is imperative that we keep these staff to maintain consistency. We must create an environment that is beneficial for the employee and one that they want to stay in.

What other work is currently happening in your community that can support these efforts?*

There are plenty of continuing education courses that can assist with training of staff as well as management training for staff retention.

What obstacles do you face that might hinder your project?*

We do not have a full-time veterinarian on staff and we contract with 2 different vets. At times, scheduling and ensuring we are able to vet everything in a timely manner can be challenging. We also have a limitation on space and therefore have to make critical decisions that impact our lifesaving abilities despite all attempts at adoption, rescue and foster.

Which region will your project impact?*

South Central

What shelter data are you using to inform your project?*

Include how data is used to inform focus on species, geographic location, or any other demographics used in developing your project.

Our data shows that we have performed 1249 spay/neuters on a combination of dogs/cats over FY25. We would like to improve that number to increase our life-saving numbers overall. The grant funds will be used for payment of our contract veterinarians as well as supplies required to perform the surgeries. In supplementing our donations, this decreases the need for staff to be focusing on fundraising and that time can be better spent on events and interactions that directly lead to positive outcomes for the animals in our care.

Does your project impact a shelter(s) outside of your own.*

No

Compared to the previous year, how many more animals will this project allow you to impact?*

Last year we were able to perform vetting surgery on 1249 animals. We would like to be able to increase this to 1400-1500 animals.

List additional organizations or entities with whom you will collaborate on this project.*

N/A

Proposal Flexibility*

Yes.

Letters of Support

Upload any letters of support for your grant project.

Additional Letter of Support

If you have additional letters that you are unable to upload, please email those to us with your organization name and EIN at networkgrants@bestfriends.org and we can add them to your application.

Secondary Grant Contact Name*

Lacy DeHorney

Secondary Grant Contact Title*

Animal Services Manager

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Data Compliance

Please review the following data requirements carefully.

Applications for organizations not in compliance with data requirements will not be considered.

- If you are a shelter or rescue that has intakes/outcomes, your stats must be current in Shelter Pet Data Alliance (SPDA) for all of 2024 to July 2025.   Completed.

- If you are a spay/neuter only, transport, or intake prevention organization, you need to submit your 2024 annual stats via this form prior to submitting your application.

- If you need help with data, please email at networkgrants@bestfriends.org for assistance.

Data Compliance Verification*
Check the appropriate box to indicate that you are compliant with Network Partner data reporting requirements.

Project Plan, Timeline & Budget
The project must begin within 30 days of receiving funding and end within 12 months.

The grant program period for this cycle will be January 2026 to December 2026.

Provide an outline of your project plan.*
The vetting would occur based on intake, which is not able to be specifically known. The funds would primarily be used in the second and third quarters (spring/summer) when the intake population and need for vetting is the highest.

Quarter 1 Goals and Benchmarks*
Quarter 1: January 1, 2026, to March 31, 2026.

Include what you expect to have accomplished during the first quarter of your grant project? Be sure to include impacted numbers for each quarter.

Quarter 2 Goals and Benchmarks*
Quarter 2: April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

Include what you expect to have accomplished during the second quarter of your grant project? Be sure to include impacted numbers for each quarter.

Quarter 3 Goals and Benchmarks*
Quarter 3: July 1, 2026, to September 30, 2026.

Include what you expect to have accomplished during the third quarter of your grant project? Be sure to include impacted numbers for each quarter.

Quarter 4 Goals and Benchmarks*
Quarter 4: October 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

Include what you expect to have accomplished during the fourth quarter of your grant project? Be sure to include impacted numbers for each quarter.

How will your project continue to be supported and funded after the grant?*
Our Spay/Neuter program will continue based on donations and any future grant funding received.

Grant Project Budget*
Download this template to create a budget for your project.

- If possible, budget should include items covered by the grant, as well as the amount covered by your organization's contribution.

*You will need to download the file to your computer to fill in your budget. You cannot fill out this template in Dropbox.

*If the file does not automatically open after you download it, check the "Downloads" file on your computer.

Internal

Gap Shelter Organization

Is the applicant one of the identified Gap Shelter organizations?

No

Applicant - Data Compliant?

 Data compliant means:

- For rescues and shelters, have an SPDA account, and have provided all 2024 - July 2025 monthly data.
- For support groups that are non-SPDA eligible, they have provided their 2025 annual data.

Yes, data compliant

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads
No files were uploaded