THE \$20 FIX: AnimalKind's Financial Assistance Program for Pet Spay/Neuter in Alamance County

| Your Name | | | | | Where did you get this application? | | | | |
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| Physical Address (of your home) | | | | | | | | | |
| City | | State | Zip | In wh | nat county c | lo you live? ALAI | MANCE CO | UNTY ONLY | |
| Mailing Address (if different from physical address): City: State: Zip: | | | | | | | | | |
| Daytime Phone | | Evening Phone | | | E-mail | | | | |
| Your Age | Number of Adult | s in Household | l (including you) | | Number of | Children in Hous | sehold | | |
| Only in extreme circumstances, AnimalKind may be able to reduce the \$20 co-pay (the amount you pay). Set YES, please have someone contact me about reducing the copay. | | | | | | | | | |
| Check here | if you would like to receive yo | our voucher from | n THE \$20 FIX and | information | n packet by e | e-mail 🗌 | | | |
| Important note about privacy: The information you provide will be used only for confirmation of your eligibility and will not be used for any other purposes. For additional protection of your private information, please mark through the Social Security numbers on all copies of documents. Provide a copy of the card or qualifying letter that proves a member of your household participates in one of the following | | | | | | | | | |
| programs to qualify: | | | | | | | | | |
| | Adult Medicaid Child Medicaid (Health Choice) Food Stamps | | | | | | | | |
| E | mergency Assistance (EA) | _ Energy A | ssistance (EEF) | | | Work First | | | |
| OR, To qualify by income please provide a copy of page 1 of Federal Income Tax Return for each adult in your household. What is your current household income per month from all sources (the amount before taxes are taken out)? Note about Income: If you think you qualify based on your current income but did not file taxes, or your income has decreased since last tax return, please enclose a note of explanation and your best proof of current income (for example, copies of W-2 forms, check stubs, benefit letters). Please check here if you are a full-time student | | | | | | | | | |
| Dog or Cat | Pet's Name | Sex | Description or | Breed | Prear | nant? In Heat? | Approx Age | Approx. Weight | |
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| I understand that THE \$20 FIX vouchers are for pets owned by me—the applicant. The information I have provided about myself, my pets, and my household income is accurate and truthful. I have enclosed a photocopy of my card or qualifying letter or the best proof I have of my total household income. Fraudulent use of THE \$20 FIX program will result in services charged to me at full price and possible legal action against me and others involved in the fraudulent use of vouchers. Signature: | | | | | | | | | |

How do I use THE \$20 FIX pet spay/neuter program?

1. Complete this application and mail to:

AnimalKind--THE \$20 FIX, PO Box 12568, Raleigh, NC 27605 If you need help filling out the application, please call 919-870-1660 or 1-877-870-1660 (toll free) or email: thefix@animalkind.org. Fax to 919-890-0705.

2. You will receive the voucher(s) by mail:

If you are <u>not</u> accepted into THE \$20 FIX program, you will be notified. If your application <u>is</u> approved, you will receive the voucher(s) within 2 weeks. The voucher works like a "coupon" for your pet's surgery. It is accepted only at participating vets, can be used for your pet only, and is valid for 3 months.

3. You call a <u>participating</u> veterinarian to make an appointment:

You will receive a list of participating vets with your voucher. Call to make your vet appointment immediately after receiving your voucher. Appointment space may fill up fast and your voucher has an expiration date!

Your pet must be at least 3 months old to get spayed or neutered. Minimum weight varies by vet—generally 2 pounds for a cat and 2-10 pounds for a dog. (Minimum age for a rabies shot is 4 months.)

The vet can answer any questions about spay/neuter surgery and your pet's health.

4. You take your pet(s) to the vet appointment:

<u>Take cash with you.</u> You must pay the co-pay indicated on you voucher per pet in <u>cash</u> to the vet when you drop off your pet. You should be prepared to show your picture ID at the vet's office.

<u>Take your pet's current rabies certificate if you have one.</u> If you do not have rabies paperwork with you, the vet may give your pet a rabies shot, as required by law—and the cost is covered by your co-pay. (The rabies tag is not sufficient proof of vaccination.)

<u>Be on time for your vet appointment!</u> If you must cancel, be sure to call the vet several days before the appointment so someone else's pet can use the space!

Do I qualify for THE \$20 FIX pet spay/neuter program?

You must be a resident of Alamance County in North Carolina to participate in THE \$20 FIX.*

You must own the cat or dog. THE \$20 FIX cannot provide assistance for stray or feral animals and you cannot apply for vouchers to use for someone else's pet. *

THE \$20 FIX program is for residents who have no other options for financial assistance for pet spay/neuter. Our funds are limited so it is important that we serve those who need our help the most.*

College students who receive any financial support from parents are <u>not</u> eligible for THE \$20 FIX unless their parents also qualify financially.*

There are two ways to qualify: (Note: Copy machines are often found at libraries, post offices, drugstores, and office supply stores.)

1. Enclose proof of participation in an assistance program. Participation in one of the following programs will qualify your household automatically: Adult or Child Medicaid (Health Choice), Food Stamps, Emergency Assistance (EA), Energy Assistance (EEF) or Work First.

2. OR, Enclose a copy (just the first page) of the last Federal tax return of <u>each adult</u> in your household. To qualify without public assistance, the <u>combined gross income</u> (amount before taxes are deducted) for your entire household must fall within these guidelines:

| 1-person household (you) | \$24,280 or less |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 2-person household | \$32,920 or less |
| 3-person household | \$41,560 or less |
| 4-person household | \$50,200 or less |

Please contact us for guidelines if more than 4-person household.

If you qualify by current income but did not file taxes, or your income has decreased since your last tax return, please enclose a note of explanation and your best proof of income (W-2's, check stubs, benefit letters, etc.)

*Please contact SpayNC Helpline at 1-888-623-4936 (1-888-NC FIX EM) or visit <u>http://animalkind.org/map.html</u> for information about programs available to residents who do not qualify for THE \$20 FIX, live in other counties, or need help with feral or stray animals.



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Application for Alamance County