



MCPAWS Offers Cat and Dog Spay and Neuter Surgeries to Low Income Residents

MCPAWS Regional Animal Shelter offers spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs to Valley County low income residents on most Thursdays. The surgery fees for cats are \$40 for neuter and \$55 for spay. The surgery fees for dogs are on a scale based on weight increasing in increments from \$74 for a neuter of a dog up to 40 pounds, and \$95 for a spay of a dog up to 40 pounds. Optional \$5 shots and \$15 microchips also available at the time of the surgery. In addition, all feral cats qualify for surgery, regardless of the income level of the individual bringing the cat for surgery.

Community members who are interested in scheduling an appointment should call MCPAWS at 208.634.3647, during business hours, Tuesday -Saturday 11:30am to 6pm and Sunday 1pm-6pm, to schedule an appointment, or be placed on the waiting list if there are no available time slots.

Individuals will be asked to provide a form of low income documentation. Low income is defined according to the following income and family size table:

Family Size	Maximum Yearly Income
1	\$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100
5	\$51,580

Examples of low income documentation include food stamps, WIC, SSD, SSI, aid to permanently and totally disabled, temporary aid to needy families (AFDC), aid to the needy blind, Medicaid, Medicare, Senior Assistance/Meals on Wheels, Heating Assistance, Assisted School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance Program, Unemployment Benefits and Property Tax Assistance.

When individuals drop off their animals between 8:15 – 9:00 am the day of the surgery, they will need to provide low income documentation and payment. Cash or check for the exact amount can be paid on the day of the appointment. Credit or debit cards can be used only if paid the evening before over the phone. Animals must be picked up the same day between 4:30 – 5:45 pm.

Contact MCPAWS at 208.634.3647 or mcpawsrescue@frontiernet.net to ask any questions and to schedule an appointment. Additional information can be found at mcpaws.org on the "Services" page.