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WHITE AWARDS GRANTS TO CURB PET OVERPOPULATION WITH PROCEEDS FROM PET FRIENDLY LICENSE PLATES

SPRINGFIELD—Secretary of State Jesse White today awarded \$1,000 grants to 50 organizations operating local spaying and neutering programs with funds generated by the sale of Illinois' special Pet Friendly license plates.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the special plates goes into a pet overpopulation fund to provide money for local spaying and neutering programs.

“Sadly, millions of cats and dogs are put to sleep in animal shelters each year because of overpopulation,” said White. “There simply are not enough loving homes for all of these animals. Funds raised by our special Pet Friendly license plates go specifically to local animal shelters, humane societies and other organizations that spay and neuter cats and dogs to prevent overpopulation. I strongly encourage pet owners who have not had their animal spayed or neutered to do so. Motorists who would like to support these local programs can help this important effort by ordering Pet Friendly license plates.”

White said drivers who currently have regular license plates and would like to change to “I Am Pet Friendly” plates would pay an initial fee of \$118, instead of the \$78 currently charged for plates. From the additional \$40, \$25 will go to the Spay/Neuter Fund and \$15 will go to the Secretary of State special plate fund. Renewals each year thereafter would cost \$105, with \$25 going to the Spay/Neuter Fund and \$2 to the Secretary of State special plate fund.

For more information about Pet Friendly license plates, log on to the Secretary of State's website at:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/vehicles/license_plate_guide/specialty_plates/petfriendly.html.

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FY 2005 “Pet Friendly” Special License Plate Fund Grants

City

Anna
Bartlett
Belleville
Benton
Bloomington
Bolingbrook
Carterville
Champaign
Channahon
Chicago
Chicago
Chicago
Chicago Ridge
Crystal Lake
Decatur
Downers Grove
Edwardsville
Effingham
Elgin
Elizabeth
Fairfield
Freeport
Galesburg
Genoa
Greenville
Gurnee
Kankakee
Kewanee
McHenry
Metropolis
Milan
Minooka
Monmouth
Naperville

Pet Friendly Grantee

Pets Are Worth Saving, Inc. (PAWS)
Four Paws Animal Foundation
Belleville Area Humane Society
Franklin County Animal Control
Humane Society of Central Illinois
Humane Haven Animal Shelter
Community Animal Rescue and Education
Prairieland Anti-Cruelty Program
Cat Overpopulation Planned Endeavor (COPE)
Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control
PAWS Chicago
Red Door Animal Shelter
Animal Welfare League
Fox Valley Helping Paws Animal Welfare Association
Humane Society of Decatur and Macon County
West Suburban Humane Society
Metro East Humane Society
Effingham County Humane Society
Kindness Incorporated
Safe Haven Humane Society
Animal Requesting Friends Benevolent Society
Friends Forever Humane Society
Knox County Humane Society
DeKalb County Animal Welfare League
Bond County Humane Society
Spay and Stay
Kankakee County Humane Society
Henry County Humane Society - Kewanee Chapter
Animal Outreach Society
Project Hope Humane Society
Quad City Animal Welfare Center
Humane Society of Plainfield
Western Illinois Animal Rescue
Naperville Humane Society

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| Olney | Humane Society of Olney Area |
| Paris | Edgar County Humane Association, Inc. |
| Pekin | Tazewell Animal Protection Society (TAPS) |
| Peoria | Foster Pet Outreach |
| Princeton | Friends of Strays, Inc. |
| Quincy | Paw Pals, Inc. |
| Quincy | Quincy Humane Society |
| Ringwood | Pets In Need Midwest No-Kill Animal Shelter |
| Robinson | Crawford County Humane Society |
| Roodhouse | The Dog PEN (Public Education Network) |
| Saint Jacob | Partners for Pets |
| Seneca | Just Animals Placement Service |
| South Elgin | Anderson Animal Shelter |
| Springfield | Animal Protective League |
| St. Louis | Operation Spot |
| Urbana | Champaign County Humane Society |