



### **Applications for Grants from Our Pet Lover's Specialty License Plate Fund Being Accepted by the California Department of Food and Agriculture As of Today!**

Sacramento, January 17, 2019 - The goal of the California Spay and Neuter License Plate Fund, Inc. is finally being realized. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, created in 2010 by Judie Mancuso, Dr. Gary Michelson, and Linda Starr, with guidance from current board members Dr. Allan Drusys, Dr. Richard Johnson, and Lisa Avery, was created by the team for the purpose of supporting free spay and neuter programs throughout California. The group, overcoming years of bureaucratic hurdles, was able to establish the Pet Lover's License Plate Fund through the legislative process. Members of the group are proud to finally see the funding process underway so that low income families can benefit from free spay and neuter for their pets.

The plate has been available for sale through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) since September 2013 and has collected over **1.1 million dollars** to go towards targeted spay and neuter programs. This initial round of grants will see \$330,000 dispersed this year.

We encourage all of our supporters to buy their next license plate through the DMV to support these spay and neuter programs. "Spay and neuter saves lives," said Judie Mancuso, President of the California Spay and Neuter License Plate Fund, Inc. "While it has been a long road, we are thrilled to see the application process open and eager to see the funds disbursed to worthy organizations helping to alleviate the tragic pet overpopulation problem in California."

Organizations interested in applying for the funds should go to the CDFA website, link below. Please direct any and all questions regarding the application process to CDFA.

**CDFA Press Release:**

## **CDFA ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR THE 2019 PET LOVER'S LICENSE PLATE GRANT PROGRAM**

SACRAMENTO, January 17, 2019 - The California Department of Food and Agriculture is currently accepting proposals for the 2019 Pet Lover's License Plate grant program. This program makes available \$330,000 in funding through fees associated with the original purchase, annual renewal, and conversion of Pet Lover's license plates from the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

A purchase of a Pet Lover's License Plate helps stop pet overpopulation in California by providing funds for spay/neuter services to municipalities and non-profit organizations in California. The revenue received from the sale and renewal of the license plate is awarded annually through grant agreements to eligible organizations.

Funding is available on a competitive basis to veterinary facilities that are registered and in good standing with the Veterinary Medical Board and operated by a city, county, city and county, an animal care or control agency, or a nonprofit meeting the requirements of Section 501(c)(3). The application deadline is March 1, 2019.

For further information and grant application materials, please visit: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/SpayNeuter/>

You can help support the Pet Lover's License Plate program by purchasing a special interest license plate at your local DMV office or [online](#) today.