



## APPLICATION FORM

All applications must include the following information. Separate applications must be submitted for each eligible program. **Deadline: July 1, 2020.** Please include this application form with electronic entry. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your entry within 3 days of submission, please contact [Gage Harter](#).

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

County: Page County

Program Title: Saving Lives

Program Category: Organizational Development

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## **Saving Lives**

### **Program Overview**

High euthanasia rates made Page County Animal Shelter look at additional ways to save lives. After striving for many years to lower especially high euthanasia rates on cats, we partnered with Page Paws and Cat's Cradle to implement a Trap Neuter Return (TNR) program in Page County. In addition, the Animal Shelter partnered with more rescue groups to save highly adoptable dogs. Page County Animal Shelter also has monthly low cost Spay/Neuter Clinics to aid low income families to alter their pets.

### **Challenge/Financing**

Page County Animal Shelter struggled with high feline euthanasia rates and the staff was becoming disheartened. We had a meeting with Page Paws and discussed starting a TNR program to try to aid people with a large number of cats and provide them an option to decrease the homeless animal population at an affordable rate. This helps keep unadoptable cats out of the shelter to face euthanasia.

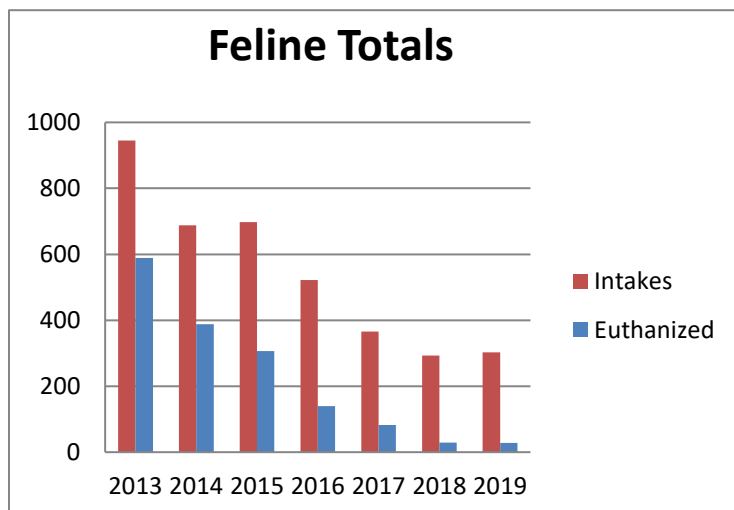
Financing the TNR program was another challenge. Page SPCA INC. agreed to pay the cost of surgery if the caretakers of the felines would cover the cost of the necessary Rabies vaccinations. Page Paws was also awarded a grant to help cover the cost of surgeries.

Page County Animal Shelter also sought out new rescue groups to pull dogs from the shelter. Page County is a very rural area; therefore, we do not have a lot of foot traffic and need help placing dogs.

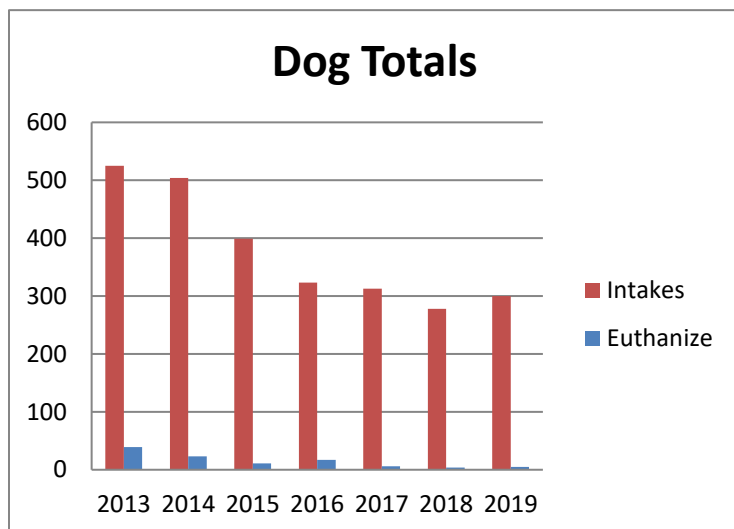
Monthly Spay/Neuter clinics held at Page County Animal Shelter assist low income families to fix their cats and dogs and help prevent pet overpopulation.

### **Results**

Page County Animal Shelter started to see a downward trend in cat and dog intakes, as well as, plummeting euthanasia numbers. After years of TNR, public low cost Spay/Neuter Clinics, and diligently working with rescue groups, Page County Animal Shelter gained what was thought to be an unobtainable goal and acquired a "No Kill" recognition in 2018 and 2019.



CATS	Euthanized	Intakes	Percentage of Euthanasia
2013	589	945	62.3%
2014	388	688	56.4%
2015	307	698	44%
2016	140	522	26.8%
2017	82	366	22.4%
2018	29	293	9.9%
2019	28	303	9.2%



DOGS	Euthanized	Intakes	Percentage of Euthanasia
2013	39	525	7.4%
2014	23	504	4.6%
2015	11	399	2.8%
2016	17	323	5.3%
2017	6	313	1.9%
2018	4	278	1.4%
2019	5	300	1.7%

The Page County Animal Shelter would like to send their sincerest gratitude to the rescue partners and organizations who helped make this achievement possible: Page SPCA, Page Paws, Cat's Cradle, Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, Humane Society of Fairfax County, SPCA of Northern Virginia, Ragged Mountain Dogs, Warren County Humane Society, Humane Society of Montgomery County in Maryland, Save the Tails, and Berkeley County Humane Society.