Q. What is the Animal Population Control Program (APCP)?
The APCP was created by a state statute in 1992 and implemented in May 1995. The program was established to provide vaccination and sterilization benefits for any unsterilized dog or cat adopted from a municipal impound facility. In 2007, a program expansion provided benefits to non-profit organizations to sterilize feral cats and in 2008 low-income residents became eligible to receive benefits for owned animals.

The APCP intends to:

- **REDUCE** the surplus population of Connecticut companion pets
- **REDUCE** the cost and burden to towns coping with pet overpopulation
- **REDUCE** the spread of rabies and other diseases through population control and immunizations
- **INCREASE** the effectiveness of Animal Control Departments through education and law enforcement

Q. How does one receive feral cat and low-income benefits?
A limited number of vouchers are provided annually to qualified non-profit organizations for the sterilization and vaccination of feral cats and to low-income Connecticut residents for their own pets. Please contact the APCP for more details.

Q. What does the voucher provide?
The voucher provides a one-time sterilization fee of $50 for a male cat, $70 for a female cat, $100 for a male dog and $120 for a female dog. In addition, two pre-surgical vaccinations will be provided coincident with sterilization. A voucher becomes void if not used within 60 days.

Q. Does the program cover other veterinary services?
No. In fact, voucher recipients may have to pay the veterinarian a difference between the voucher and normal sterilization fees. The veterinarian may also have charges for other vaccines and services associated with surgery including medical complications.

Q. What happens if my veterinarian is not a participant in the program?
A voucher recipient may use the services of a non-participating veterinarian, but will be responsible for all costs.

Q. How is the program funded?
Revenue is received from the $50 adoption fee, a surcharge on dog licenses ($2.00 sterilized/$6.00 unsterilized), proceeds from the “Caring for Pets” commemorative license plate and donations.

Q. Does Connecticut still have a pet overpopulation problem?
Yes, but great strides have been made over the past 25 years to help reduce the surplus pet problem. A declining number of stray dogs and cats have allowed the APCP to expand its services to feral cats and pets from low-income residents in recent years.

Q. Is Connecticut the only state to operate a population control program?
Connecticut is one of only a few states nationwide to offer spay/neuter benefits from a state agency, but is believed to be the only state with a program offering benefits to pound animals, feral cats and low-income residents.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

420,000  The number of cats which can result from one unspayed female in seven years.

67,000  The number of dogs which can result from one unspayed female in six years.

100,000  The number of companion pets receiving APCP benefits from 1995-2014.

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