

**Statewide Programs** can be private (examples: Arkansas, Maryland) or public (New Jersey, New Hampshire), or a mix of both (New Hampshire). The goal of a state program is to ensure that all those in need of assistance with spaying/neutering their pets are able to get the subsidy help they need. We find the New Hampshire State Program to be the best example because there are two programs for the truly indigent, and two others that serve those not eligible for the first two (public) programs listed below:

### Model State Program Package: New Hampshire

While New England has been very successful in reducing the overpopulation problem in our area, the cat/dog surplus problem is still very real. Euthanasia of animals still happens although less and less each year.

There are many solutions that will help reduce the number of pets surrendered to shelters. Solutions like obedience and behavior training to prevent relationships between owner and pet from breaking down, more housing options for pet owners that rent, and spaying or neutering our pets. The NHSPCA strongly encourages spaying or neutering of pets to help with overpopulation. Spaying or neutering will not only prevent unwanted pregnancies, it will also make pets healthier and live longer. There are four NH assistance programs total listed below: the first two are public; those on page 2 are private.

#### NH Animal Population Control Program - Plan A

**Available to:** New Hampshire residents who have **adopted a cat or dog from an adoption center like the NHSPCA.**

**Costs:** \$25.00-\$50.00 - Pet owners pay this fee directly to the veterinarian. Pre-surgery immunizations are **not** covered.

**Procedure:** For adopters only

1. For NH State Residents ONLY.
2. At the time of adoption you will be given a surgical authorization form; and a list of participating veterinarians from the adoption center.
3. Choose a veterinarian from the list and call for an appointment.
4. Present authorization form and pay the \$25.00-\$50.00 fee to the veterinarian.
5. The state reimburses the veterinarian for the remaining cost of the surgery.

#### NH Animal Population Control Program - Plan B

**Available to:** New Hampshire residents who receive, or are eligible for benefits from:

Food Stamps	Aid to the Needy Blind
Medicaid	Old Age Assistance
AFDC	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Aid to the Permanently & Totally Disabled	

**Costs:** \$10.00 - Pet owner pays fee directly to the veterinarian. Pre-surgery immunizations are covered up to \$35.00.

**Procedure:**

1. For NH State residents ONLY
2. For pets you already own
3. Obtain a **Plan B** application, and list of veterinarians from:
  1. An adoption center like the NHSPCA
  2. the NH Division of Welfare District Office, or
  3. the NH Department of Agriculture, APC Program, State House Annex 33 Capitol Street, Concord, NH 03301, 603-271-3697.
4. Complete Part 1 of the application and return it to the APC Program with proof of eligibility. (It will be sent back to you)
5. Call a participating veterinarian for an appointment.
6. Present Plan B application and pay \$10.00 to the vet.
7. The state reimburses the veterinarian for the remaining cost of the surgery.

## These two programs below are Private :

### **NH Spaying and Altering Service Program**

**Available to:** NH residents who need financial assistance.

**Costs:** Dogs: \$70(females), \$50 (males); Cats: \$50 (females), \$35 (males)

**Procedure:**

1. Call or write for an application:  
NHAS  
8 Hutchins Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 224-1361 (before 2:00pm)
2. If approved, mail in application with appropriate fee and you will be sent a certificate and list of participating veterinarians.
3. Call and make an appointment with a participating veterinarian.

### **Solutions to Overpopulations of Pets(STOP) (Spay Program for Mother Cats)**

**Available to:** NH residents with a **female cat** (which has already had a litter or is currently pregnant) who do **not qualify under either NH Plan A or B.**

**Cost:** Pay full fee to the veterinarian. Receive a \$25.00 refund from STOP after the surgery is complete.

**Procedure:**

1. Call or write for an application:  
STOP  
8 Fox Hill Road  
Belmont, NH 03220  
1-800-990-SPAY
2. Once approved, have the cat spayed by any licensed NH veterinarian. Send information to the **STOP** program to receive a *\$25.00 refund.*