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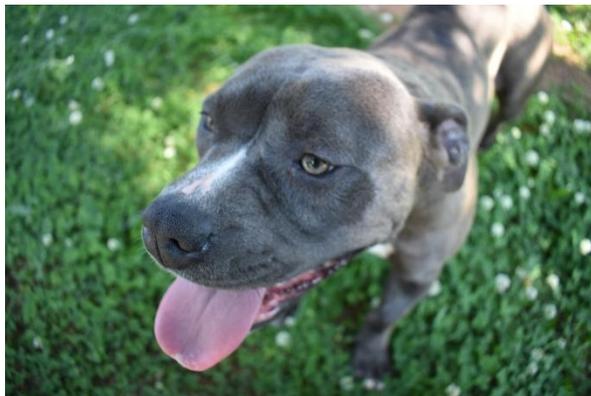
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## **City of LaGrange Animal Services Receives Dog and Cat Sterilization Grant**

*LaGrange, Ga. August 30, 2018* – The City of LaGrange Animal Services is set to receive a dog and cat sterilization grant from the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

The amount of the grant for the City of LaGrange is \$3,000.



*LaGrange Animal Services file photo*

This is the fourth set of grants to be issued through the Dog and Cat Sterilization Program which is funded by the purchase of the Dog and Cat Sterilization Auto Tag, income tax checkoff, and from direct contributions to the program. Since inception, the Dog and Cat Sterilization Program has been

utilized to sexually alter over 100,000 companion animals.

\$19 from the \$25 purchase of a new plate and \$20 of the \$25 renewal is appropriated toward the program.

Georgia Department of Agriculture Commissioner Gary W. Black says \$425,000 in grants were awarded to assist with spaying and neutering Georgia's companion animals.

Out of 133 applicants, 71 state licensed animal shelters and animal rescue organizations including the City of LaGrange were awarded the grants.

"Local communities often have citizens who are burdened by the high costs of having their pets spayed or neutered," Commissioner Black said.

"This grant program does a wonderful job in targeting these communities all across Georgia in an effort to aid them as they strive to keep strays off the street and control the animal population in a humane manner."

Grants range from \$2,500 to \$140,000 each and were awarded based on the highest priority after considering factors such as targeting of important animal populations, ability to increase surgery numbers, cost-benefit ratio, record of grant applicant and sustainability.

"It is a real honor for the shelter to be selected as one of the recipients for the 2018 spay neuter grant," said Animal Services Supervisor Chris Bussey.

"The grant will allow the shelter to have several animals spayed or neutered before being placed up for adoption. We are proud the state awarded us this grant."

For a complete list of the grant recipients or to make a tax exempt donation, please visit <http://agr.georgia.gov/dog-cat-sterilization-program.aspx>.

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