**PROJECT TITLE:** **BIG DOG STERILIZATION**

**GRANT DESCRIPTION:** An operations grant to be matched to help fund expansion of low-cost veterinary services primarily used by persons living in south and west San Antonio.

**GRANT AMOUNT:** $25,000 | **APPROVED:** January 29, 2014

**PROJECT START DATE:** October 1, 2013 | **PROJECT END DATE:** September 30, 2014

**CHARITABLE PURPOSE:** Other\Animal Cruelty Prevention\Animal Cruelty Prevention

**GRANT TYPE:** Project/Program Costs

**GRANT OBJECTIVES:** Reduction in the number of homeless animals in area served and a reduction in intake of large breed dogs entering the City of San Antonio Animal Control facility.

**SUMMARY OF REPORTED FINDINGS:**

During the reporting period for this grant the Animal Resource Center (SpaySA) sterilized 920 large breed dogs (30 lbs. or over):

- 400 female dogs
  - 23 pregnant at time of surgery
  - 70 litters born prior to surgery
  - 744 puppies born prior to surgery
- 145 female puppies under 1 year
- 274 male dogs
- 101 male puppies under 1 year
- Top 6 zip codes included Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, (areas considered to have the highest need)
- Top 5 reasons for owners getting their dogs “fixed” included:
  - Wants dog to have low cost vaccinations so needed to get fixed
  - Doesn’t want to get other dogs pregnant so they fixed their male dog
  - Recommended by vet
  - Male dog has a temper so want to get it fixed
  - Ticketed by the city for an aggressive dog
- Income level per household for 920 dogs sterilized
  - 50% at poverty level of under $20,000
  - 25% at low income level of under $29,000
  - 25% with income over $30,000
SpaySA reported that ACS statistics indicated that the number of large breed puppies euthanized was significantly reduced from 2013 to 2014

### Euthanized Top 3 Breeds

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*Shepard mixes were included in 2014

Sterilization of 545 female dogs reduced the potential population by 4,360 puppies

It is impossible to predict how many puppies one male dog may produce over a year’s time, but it would be in the thousands