

Model States program purposes

NEW JERSEY: 4:19A-1. Dept. of Health Program; purpose

The department shall establish and implement an Animal Population Control Program (hereinafter referred to as the "program"). The purpose of this program shall be to reduce the population of unwanted and stray dogs and cats by encouraging the owners of dogs and cats to have them permanently sexually sterilized, thereby reducing potential threats to public health and safety posed by the growing population of these unwanted and stray animals, and by providing low-cost animal sterilization services to owners meeting at least one of the criteria of need enumerated in section 3 of this act. [FN1][FN1] N.J.S.A. § 4:19A-2.CREDIT(S) ; L.1983, c. 172, § 2.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: 437-A:2 Program Established.

The department shall establish and implement an animal population control program. The purpose of this program shall be to reduce the population of unwanted and stray dogs and cats by encouraging the owners of dogs and cats to have them permanently sexually sterilized, thereby reducing potential threats to public health and safety from mid-Atlantic rabies and other sources. The program shall not begin operation until June 1, 1994. The commissioner shall make an annual report relative to the progress of the program beginning on September 1, 1994, to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house and the governor.

HISTORY Source. 1993, 219:3, eff. Jan. 1, 1994.

MAINE: §3910-B.The Companion Animal Sterilization Fund Established

Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources: Animal Welfare Rules Summary: This Chapter establishes and implements a low-income spay/neuter program for cats and dogs. Eligibility requirements for participation in the program, veterinarian reimbursement, and program administration and performance measurements are contained in these rules. The purpose of the low-income spay/neuter program is to reduce:

- a) Stray and unwanted cats and dogs
- b) Cat and dog euthanasia rates
- c) Dog bites
- d) Feral cats
- e) Threats to public health and safety from rabies and other zoonotic diseases
- f) Community and state animal control costs

Source. 01-001 Ch 702 Rules for Low Income Spay/Neuter Program, 2004, amend. 2011

DELAWARE § 8216. Purpose

The purpose of the spay/neuter program is to assist low-income residents and low-income communities. The Animal Population Control Program's goals include:

- (1) Population growth among stray and unwanted cats and dogs; and
- (2) Stray and unwanted cats and dogs entering animal shelters; and
- (3) Cat and dog euthanasia rates; and
- (4) Animal-inflicted injuries to humans (e.g., bites); and
- (5) Threats to public health and safety (e.g., from rabies and vehicular accidents).

Added by 75 Laws 2006, ch. 326, § 1, eff. June 29, 2006. West's Delaware Code Annotated. Title 3. Agriculture. Part VI. Domestic and Foreign Animals, Birds, Reptiles and Insects. Chapter 82. Rabies Control in Animal and Human Populations. Subchapter II. Animal Population Control Program and Spay/Neuter Fund