

2021/22 Richard Brooke Foundation Grant Report

1.) Grantee's identifying information.

Animal Action League (AAL) – a low cost, mobile, spay/neuter clinic. Non-Profit # 33-0345283.

2.) Provide a narrative summary of the project or program activities that took place including an identification and discussion of all project milestones.

The project this grant funded was to hold numerous spay/neuter clinics in extremely low-income areas of southeastern California. AAL conducted 20 clinics with the grant funds, and 5 bonus clinics were funded due to “pay it forward” donations from pet owners at the 20 clinics. A total of 668 pets were spayed/neutered during this grant period. The areas and clinics conducted with the grant funds included:

- **Thermal** – 9 clinics were held at two locations in Thermal, where 223 dogs and cats were fixed. The Oasis RV Resort is one of our main hubs in this area. Located off Expressway 86, we can plug in, fill up with water, and keep our medical trailer safe and secure overnight. La Chicanita Market is the other location, which is in the middle of a low-income trailer park. A lot of our appointments walk to our clinic. This is a trailer park that has a lot of stray dogs and cats. Being able to provide this service at a low/free cost, helps reduce the number of strays in the streets. The park welcomes us with open arms.
- **Niland (Slab City)** – 3 clinics were held in Niland, where 68 dogs and cats were fixed. This year there was an influx of large female dogs needing our services. Most of these female dogs were in heat or already pregnant. Stopping these unwanted pregnancies made for an extremely effective season. Andra Dakota, who sets up our appointments in Niland, only selects the most desperate pets to be fixed that day. We continued to see financial help from the Animal Welfare Association out of San Diego who generously gave \$25 per pet we fixed to help with the “pay it forward” donations.
- **Mecca** – 4 clinics were held in Mecca, where 106 dogs and cats were fixed. This location is in the middle of Mecca, with an extreme amount of foot traffic. Most of the pet owners are Spanish speakers, so having bilingual volunteers and staff members is important. This town is located close to other low-income towns that we help, including Bombay Beach, North Shore, Niland, and Thermal. Leon's Meat Market allows us to set up in their parking lot.
- **El Centro** – 4 clinics were held in El Centro, where 126 dogs and cats were fixed. Our location is in front of the Humane Society of Imperial County shelter and the clinics are scheduled by the Director of this shelter, Devon Apodaca. Due to the drive time to this location, we hold 2-day clinics with staff staying in a hotel overnight. The cost is a little more for these clinics; however, with the large number of vaccine clients who attend our open vaccine clinic, we make up the cost to cover the extra expenses.
- **Borrego Springs** – 2 clinics were held in Borrego Springs, where 61 dogs and cats were fixed. We have really liked being able to come to this town twice a year to help with spay/neuter and low-cost vaccines. We set up at the St. Barnabas Episcopal Church,

and are extremely grateful to the church for allowing us to use their parking lot and facilities.

- **Coachella** – 3 clinics were held in Coachella, where 84 dogs and cats were fixed. This was the first time we used RBF grant funds to sponsor clinics in Coachella. We had a rocky start, with confusion on their city wanting to charge our organization city permit fees and licenses. After extensive emails and communications, they waived any fees...forever. This has been a huge success in making our decision to include them in the grant parameters. Thank you for allowing us to add this community to our list of locations.

3.) Completion of goals: Describe final progress against each proposed goal for the program as described in your grant application. To what extent did your organization achieve the goals and how was success measured?

All of our goals were met at the grant's completion. Our proposed goals were to have 20 to 25 spay/neuter clinics with over 600 pets fixed in the areas we submitted. We achieved these goals by continuing to go to the areas that most desperately need our assistance. We focused on the pets most in need of surgery: female cats and dogs, in heat or pregnant. The total numbers at the end of the grant are how our success is measured.

4.) Funding: State the total amount that was raised for the program. If total project funding raised differs from the final project cost, explain how the gap was addressed or surplus was spent.

During this grant period, \$18,055 was raised from the \$25 (or less) "pay it forward" donations at each clinic. This is including the \$4,149 surplus from the 2020 RBF Grant donations. \$15,000 of this total funded our bonus clinics (a total of 5 this period). We will have \$3,055 left that will be moved into either next period's RBF grant money or will help fund one more spay/neuter clinic in the permitted areas from the last grant period. AAL will make up the difference to afford this clinic to be a success.

5.) Financials: Provide a full financial accounting of how the grant was spent.

See attached spreadsheet: [2021/2022 Richard Brooke Foundation Grant – \\$60,000.](#)

6.) Overall impact: Describe the impact that your program had on the community or population that you serve.

AAL's goal is to prevent unwanted cats and dogs from being born. This impact is huge to local shelters and neighborhoods who have an excess of street dogs and cats. Our reoccurring presence has been effective to pet owners in these secluded areas, with assurance that we are here for the long haul. Education about spay/neuter in these communities is extremely helpful to a lot of weary pet owners. Most of the pet owners we encounter are grateful, helpful, and supportive of our efforts.

7.) Future plans: Describe the future plan for this program including its sustainability.

AAL will continue to focus on low-cost spay/neuter of dogs and cats. We will sustain our affordable costs by working with other organizations, cities, and counties that help to offset our true medical costs. We have also been getting more private individual donations to prolong our service. Our other avenue for funding is having vaccine/microchip clinics at a majority of our spay/neuter clinics, which enables us to help fund those who cannot afford to pay for their pet to get fixed. We also have a "donation jar" set up at our clinics, that public clients put anywhere from \$1 to \$100 in privately. Our average in that "jar" is around \$2,400 a month. Through all of these sources, we have assurance that AAL will be able to continue our low cost spay/neuter programs.

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FUND BREAKDOWN

20 clinics planned, plus bonus clinics from clinic donations.

Clinic Number	Date	Location	Female Dog	Male Dog	Female Cat	Male Cat	Total Pets Fixed	Total Clinic Donations	Clinic Cost	
	3/31/21	2020-CREDIT						\$4,149		
1	4/8/2021	EL CENTRO	8	9	7	4	28	\$693	\$3,000	
2	4/9/2021	EL CENTRO	12	8	4	6	30	\$709	\$3,000	
3	4/27/2021	THERMAL	9	6	6	4	25	\$475	\$3,000	
4	5/18/21	THERMAL	8	4	5	11	28	\$504	\$3,000	
5	5/19/21	THERMAL	8	5	4	2	19	\$91	\$3,000	
6	6/15/21	THERMAL	10	6	2	4	22	\$445	\$3,000	
7	6/16/21	THERMAL	11	6	2	6	25	\$591	\$3,000	
8	9/27/2021	THERMAL	7	1	7	2	17	\$265	\$3,000	
9	9/28/2021	THERMAL	9	8	4	8	29	\$459	\$3,000	
10	10/12/21	BORREGO SPRINGS	6	7	9	7	29	\$547	\$3,000	
11	10/18/21	COACHELLA	9	3	10	4	26	\$441	\$3,000	
12	10/28/21	MECCA	11	8	3	0	22	\$384	\$3,000	
13	11/9/2021	THERMAL	10	6	7	7	30	\$713	\$3,000	
14	11/16/21	COACHELLA	8	7	8	5	28	\$699	\$3,000	
15	11/22/21	MECCA	9	6	10	5	30	\$621	\$3,000	
16	12/2/21	EL CENTRO	9	7	9	9	34	\$760	\$3,000	
17	12/3/21	EL CENTRO	7	8	11	8	34	\$727	\$3,000	
18	12/20/21	MECCA	13	5	2	8	28	\$590	\$3,000	
19	12/28/21	NILAND	11	0	5	7	23	\$575	\$3,000	
20	1/8/22	THERMAL	8	10	10	0	28	\$600	\$3,000	
21	1/24/22	NILAND	11	7	3	2	23	\$575	\$3,000	yes
22	1/26/22	MECCA	11	3	10	2	26	\$425	\$3,000	yes
23	2/21/22	COACHELLA	8	10	9	3	30	\$731	\$3,000	yes
24	2/28/22	NILAND	17	1	3	1	22	\$486	\$3,000	yes
25	3/8/22	BORREGO SPRINGS	7	9	5	11	32	\$800	\$3,000	yes
			237	150	155	126	668	\$18,055	\$60,000	\$15,000

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PETS PER CLINIC: 27 PETS