



Shadow Cats TNR

Helping Animals and the People Who Love Them

HB0085 Testimony:

To continue operating effectively, is critically important to adjust the Spay/Neuter fund to align with rising costs for both rescue organizations and veterinary centers providing services.

Medical care for animals has increased in the past year among most providers, due to higher costs for supplies and staff. Although our partners try to keep costs low, increased costs have caused some to raise surgery pricing by 50% over their rescue pricing for 2022 and 2023.

Rescue costs for common medications and vaccines have also increased, some by about a third. Pet food costs have risen significantly in the past year, requiring rescues to use more donated funds to cover these expenses that the s/n grants do not. The more we must divert funds to cover regular maintenance items for the animals in our care, the less we have to apply to the overarching mission of much-needed population control.

Amending the bill to allow private contributions to the Spay/Neuter fund is welcome as that will allow the very many animal lovers in our state to donate to a cause they strongly support.

Respectfully submitted,

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