

Funding to Help Dog Spay/Neuter Campaign

More than \$850,000 in grant funding will be distributed to animal shelters throughout Louisiana and Mississippi.

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Maddie's Fund and the Humane Society of the United States are giving \$852,000 in grant funding to 54 animal shelters throughout Louisiana and Mississippi to help reduce pet overpopulation.

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be given to organizations that have agreed to track and share animal intake and outcome figures from 2005 to 2010. Shelters plan to use the funds on capacity-building, low-cost spay/neuter programs, new equipment for surgical suites, better disease control systems, and building improvements.

The project, named "After Katrina: Improving the Lives of Gulf Coast Dogs & Cats," lays the groundwork for an anticipated \$2 million, two-state marketing campaign to encourage pet owners in Louisiana and Mississippi to spay and neuter their pets.