Common Bonds

2019-2020 Affordable and Accessible Spay/Neuter Plan

<u>Goal</u>: Make spay/neuter services affordable and accessible throughout the state.

March 5, 2019

[Group Directory and Calendar](#) (click on this to see calendar, roster and take meeting attendance)

Action Plan (see Aligned Action: Strategy #3 in [2019-20 Strategic Plan](#))

Meetings

Date	Location (in-person, video call, conference call, etc.)	Meeting Notes	Tasks to Complete (before next meeting) and By Whom
3/5/19	SLUO Working Group Launch (Zoom)	- Review membership - Select co-chairs - Review Year 1 and 2 Objectives - Plan next meeting (date/location)	
3/19/19	Email	List of members in group	Lesa - contact Dr. Kim Carter and Tribes (Choctaw and Chickasaw). Cati - contact Tulsa SPCA and Amanda Meeks/OVMA). Kim - contact Ruth Steinberger.
4/10/19	Conference call	Lesa communicated with the OSU shelter medicine program at the vet school. She will talk to Dr. Kim Carter and two others to see who will join our group. Cati contacted the Cherokee Nation who put her in contact with the Cherokee County Humane Society in east OK. She also talked to Tulsa SPCA and will follow up with each to see if they will join us. OK Humane has started its rural outreach s/n program in Vinita and plans to visit Poteau in east OK, Clinton in west OK and Altus in south OK beginning with vaccinations. The mobile s/n unit is expected in July.	Lesa, Cati and Kim: Contact manda@kirkpatrickfoundation.com to invite interested members to the May 7 meeting. Email Kim with agenda items for the working group meeting on May 7. Kim will have someone contact the list from Ruth and post to ORN (Oklahoma

		Kim and Cati contacted Amanda Meeks, OVMA. Kim also contacted Dr. Jake Boyer, SpayXperts in Moore. Both are interested in being on the s/n group. Ruth Steinburger, SpayFirst!, would like to be an advisory member. Ruth recommended the list of s/n programs at okspaynetwork.org as a starting point to locate resources in the state. This list is not current.	Rescue Network) Facebook page asking for s/n resources in the state.
5/7/19	OSU Veterinary School	Steering Committee 9 AM - 11 AM Working Groups 11 AM - 4 PM ● How will fundraising be handled since groups must fundraise for own programs. ● Possible s/n video by Carrie Underwood? Introduction: Kim Schlitter, Dr. Lesa Staubus, Dr. Kim Carter, Cati Stanila 1. Adding members to group OVMA member that may be interested Tribal involvement- Cherokee and Chickasaw ***contact drug reps to find tribal contacts?*** Dr. Amy Tyler to working group 2. Data to collect from spay/neuter clinics or veterinarians for consistent set of questions: name of clinic, surgical capacity (current numbers vs. maximum capacity), days/hours of operation, prices, additional services offered who else (private practice) is offering services in your community? - do you work with (municipal) shelters in your area? -in what ways do you work with the shelters? - do the shelters spay/neuter before release? 3. Getting interest in veterinary community in accepting vouchers/ offering SN OSU succeeding in pediatric SN Marketing Campaigns:	1. Compile list of currently open clinics-review list from Spay Network ***Identify private practices that offers high-volume and/or affordable SN (either via voucher or at reduced cost) 2. Contact the clinics w/ list of questions-- *** contact other working groups to prevent overlap and redundancy!!** 3. Update spreadsheet with current information 4. Provide list to public for reference

		- pediatric SN is A-OK!! - Beat the Heat! (Spay em before the first heat!) Performance Metrics: - compiling data from operating clinics/practices, getting history to quantify past annual SN across the state ***Save Lives Unite OK Presence at Fall Conference*** October at OSU	
7/1/2019	Email	We were unable to set up a conference call so Kim sent an email to our members. We will begin entering information for clinics/resources in the database with the person contacting each listed.so we don't duplicate efforts.	Members will enter their clinic/resource information if applicable and information they obtain for other clinics/resources.. Cati will have OK Humane staff contact clinics/resources and enter information while she is out for several weeks.

Common Bonds: Common Agenda

We work together toward our shared goal and vision, guided by our principles of collaboration, inclusion and accountability and our theory of change.

Shared Goal

By 2025, the save rate for cats and dogs in Oklahoma animal shelters will be 90% or greater.

Vision

We envision Oklahoma united to save the lives of all cats and dogs in which:
- Oklahomans value the human-animal bond and recognize the impact of animal well-being on the quality of life in Oklahoma communities;
- Resources, best practices and data are coordinated and shared statewide; and
- Community stakeholders are valued partners to enhance the health and well-being of dogs and cats.

Guiding Principles

Collaboration: We are a partnership of passionate collaborators. We collaborate to share resources, ideas and innovations to inspire change and achieve our common goals.
Inclusion: We welcome all individuals, organizations and volunteers into our efforts toward saving all dogs and cats in Oklahoma.
Accountability: We embrace a common data set and reporting method to increase responsible pet ownership while decreasing pet homelessness and the euthanasia of dogs and cats.

Theory of Change

We believe that if we provide and coordinate resources statewide for animal welfare; engage communities across Oklahoma and meet people where they are; make spaying and neutering services affordable and available; increase responsible pet care and awareness about saving lives; and advocate for policy and enforcement as needed- then we will achieve a 90% save rate of cats and dogs in Oklahoma shelters and improve the quality of life for pets, pet owners and their communities.

The theory of change is based on a shared understanding of the root causes of the problem- the high euthanasia rate for cats and dogs in Oklahoma (see **Figure 1**).

Figure 1- Shared Understanding of the Problem