

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-71

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: January 25, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation of grant funds; designation of an oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates a \$25,000 grant from Florida Animal Friend, Inc. to pay for spay and neuter services for stray and resident-owned free roaming cats and kittens in the community. It designates the Neighborhood Department, Animal Care and Protective Services Division as the oversight department for the project.

Background Information: Florida Animal Friend, Inc. is an organization founded in 2005 as a partnership between the Florida Animal Control Association, the Florida Veterinary Medical Association, and the Humane Society of the United States that offers free or low-cost spay and neuter services. The organization raises most of its funds through the sale of Florida Animal Friend specialty license plates across the state of Florida. The goal of the spaying and neutering of free-roaming cats is to keep shelters no-kill, and free-roaming cats are returned to the location where they are found.

Policy Impact Area: Animal control

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates a \$25,000 grant from Florida Animal Friend, Inc. with no City match.

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