



## Safe Placement Incentive Guidelines

The mission of the Safe Coalition is to build and sustain a community that saves all healthy and treatable cats and dogs in Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee. In order to achieve our goal of reaching a 90% or higher save rate for our community by the end of 2018, we are looking for coalition partners to pull at-risk animals from Metro Animal Care and Control (MACC).

### Current Realities

According to our projections, MACC will see approximately 6,000 dogs and cats enter its facilities during the 2018 calendar year. To achieve a 90% save rate, we need to ensure that we're increasing our targeted work, and save about 350 more animals in 2018 than we saved in the previous year. Increasing live outcomes by engaging community rescue organizations will have a direct impact on increasing the overall save rate.

### Target Population (Eligible for Program) and Incentive Payments

Eligibility can be confirmed by MACC staff. Please speak to their front desk staff if you have questions about whether an animal qualifies for the incentive.

Category	Description	Incentive Amount
Pit bull or pit mix dogs	Dogs over 40 lbs. that have pit bull characteristics.	\$200 / dog
Underage kittens	Kittens up to 8 weeks of age.	\$50 / kitten
Working or barn cats	Adult cats suitable for barn or working cat placement program.	\$100 / cat
Return-to-field cats	Cats eligible for TNR and return-to-field program, to be returned to their outdoor home after spay/neuter.	\$50 / cat
Alert list dogs or cats	Animals needing extra behavior or medical support, or general hard-to-place animals as identified by MACC.	\$200 / animal
Direct intake referrals	Any animals meeting the above categories will also qualify for an incentive if they are referred directly from MACC's intake desk to the partner (i.e., a MACC impound is prevented due to partner taking animal).	See amounts above

*If an animal qualifies for more than one incentive category, you will only be paid for the highest subsidy category for which the pet qualifies.*

## **Program Requirements for Rescue Incentives**

- 1) Must be pulled and tracked through MACC's rescue tracking — meaning that the group is required to be an approved MACC rescue partner and report according to their program requirements.
- 2) Must be tracked through the Safe Coalition tracking sheet, due on the 10th of every month for the previous month. Incentive checks will be issued on a monthly basis. *Groups who do not utilize their tracker will not receive rescue incentives. No late submissions or back-dating will be permitted.*
- 3) Group must maintain an adoption rate of 50% of the animals they pull monthly to ensure that they are not pulling more dogs or cats without placing pets into adoptive homes. Safe Coalition will notify a group of suspension of the subsidy program if this occurs, until the group is caught up with pulls.

## **Requirements for Subsidy**

- Applicant must be a member of the SAFE Coalition prior to applying.
- Partner will be required to submit monthly reports, due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, on a pre-designed template to be provided by Safe Coalition.
- Must remain in good standing as a Safe Coalition partner and a MACC rescue partner.
- The Safe Coalition Partner logo must be present on the group's website.
- Applicants that receive operating or spay/neuter grants will not be eligible for rescue incentives for the same category of animals for which they are receiving grants.