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New Hampshire launched a statewide publicly funded spay and neuter program in 1994. Between 1994 and 2000, the state's eight largest shelters admitted 30,985 fewer dogs and cats than in the six years preceding the program, and saved an estimated \$2.2 million (based on a per-animal sheltering cost of \$105). In this same time period, New Hampshire's euthanasia rate dropped 75%.

Funds are maintained by the State Treasurer in a separate account which is dedicated for the sole use of the program.

Cost: \$2 surcharge on dog licenses.  
Annual sales: 130,000 licenses  
Annual Revenue: \$260,000.

**Stats: 1994-2003: \$1,236,817 spent, 29,658 surgeries performed.**

<http://www.palc.org/petprojects/aflpstates/aflpnh.html>

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