



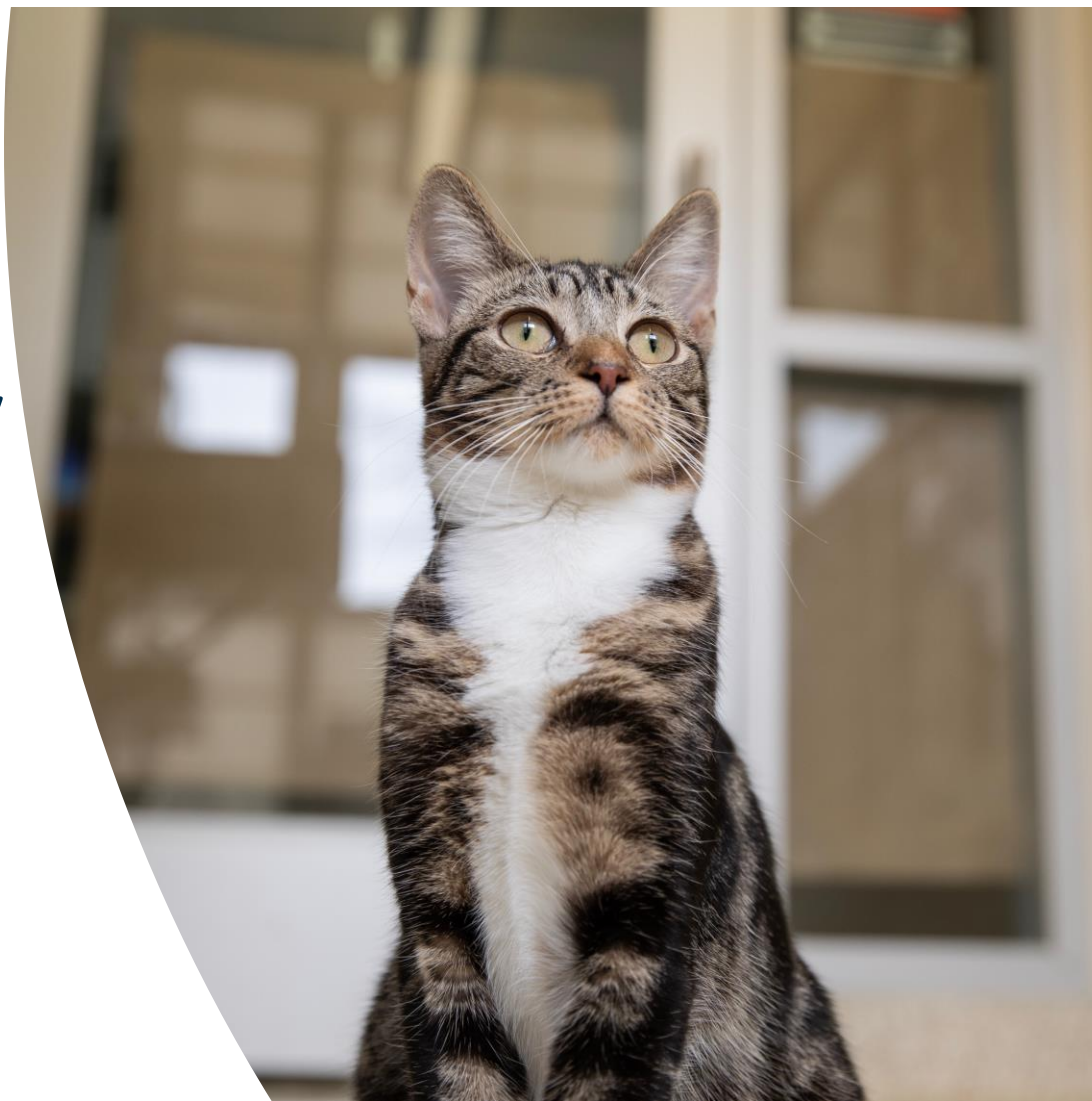
From Vision to Reality

The Impact on Collaboration on Spay & Neuter Services

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Northern Tier Shelter Initiative



Scholarships

Improved
quality Of Life
for Shelter
Animals

Increased
Access To
Veterinary Care
for Indigenous
Communities

Increased
Access To Spay
and Neuter
Services for
Shelter Animals

Current Opportunities

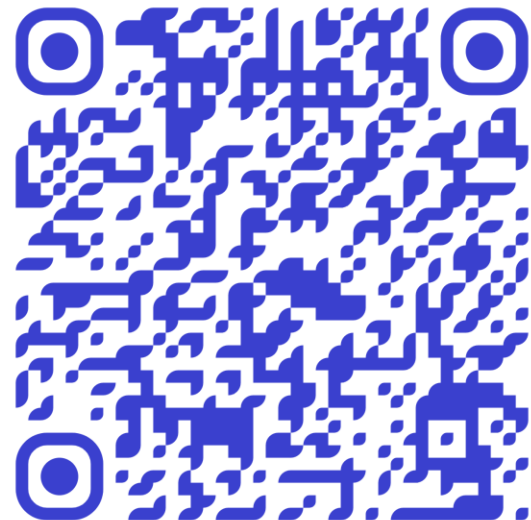
\$5000-\$25,000 Grant Opportunity

Quality of Life Improvement for
Shelter Animals



Behavior Program Consult Opportunity

30-Day Consult Opportunity with
our Behavior Science Team





Today

TIMELINE OF PROJECT

Update on where the project is now

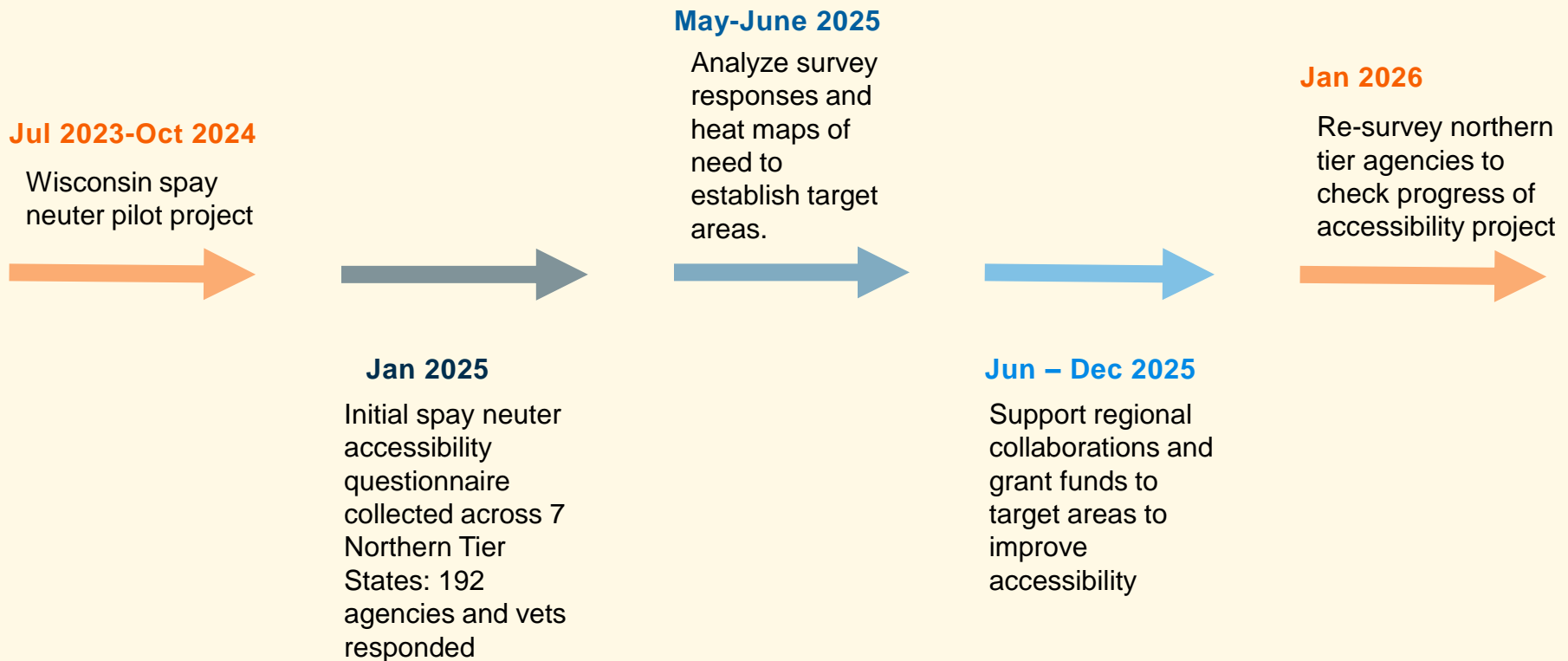
DATA OVERVIEW

Walkthrough of your state's data submitted by your agencies

REGIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Join others from your region in collaborative conversations

Project Timeline



Wisconsin Pilot Project

Takeaways – after 15-month project

35% reported access to spay neuter services improved.

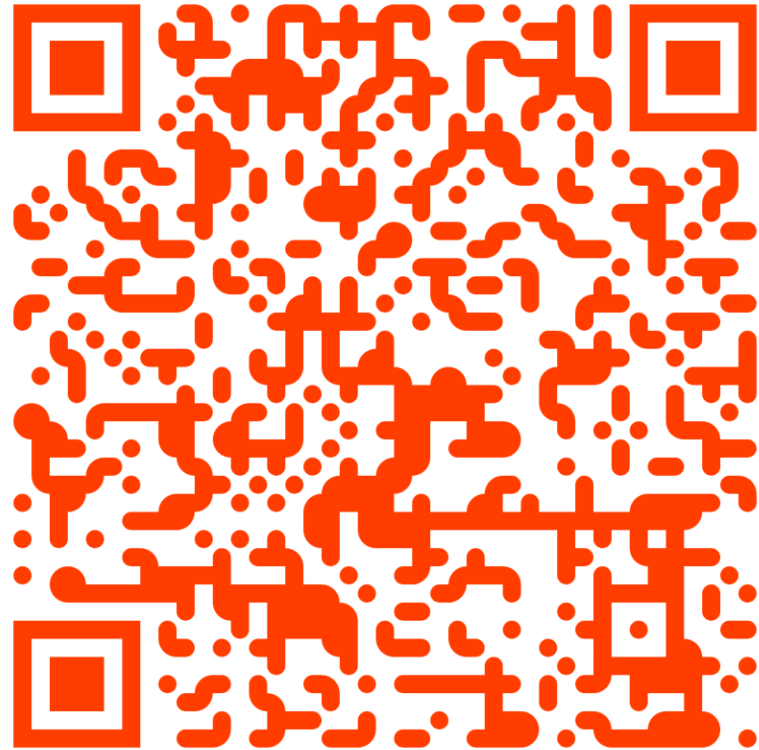
15% DECREASE in shelters feeling that animals were taking longer to adopt because of access to spay neuter

Improved access believed to be from:
“Connections from colleagues in the shelter world”
“Partnerships”
“A low cost spay/neuter team willing to travel to area”

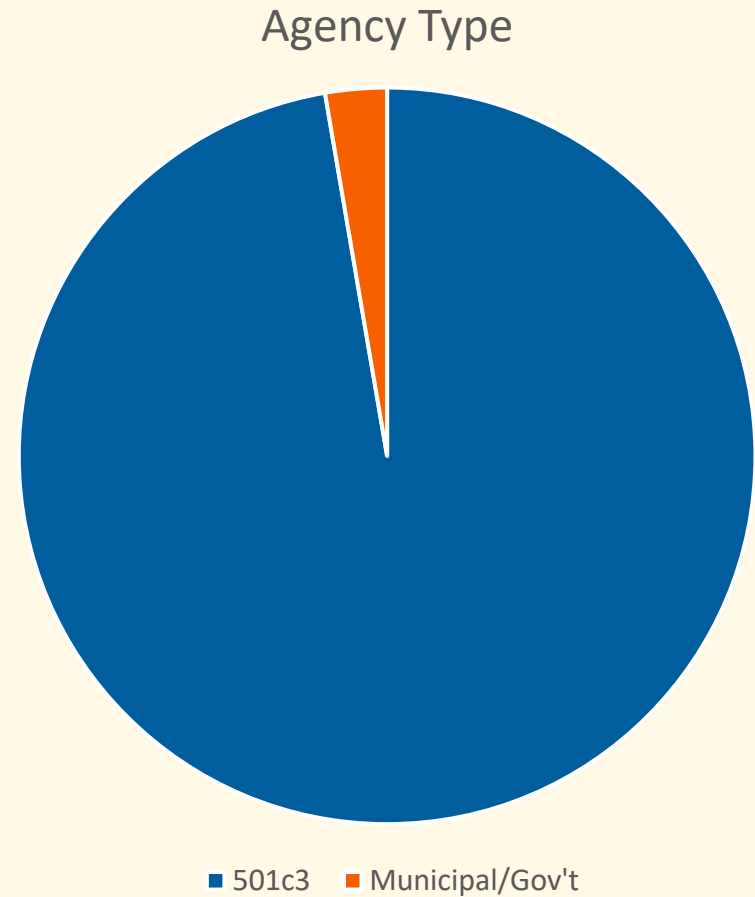
A brown and white pit bull dog is lying on a grey floor, looking directly at the camera with its tongue out. It is wearing a pink collar with a green leash. A green plaid sock is visible near its front paw.

Minnesota Data

Unsure if
your agency
filled out the
survey?

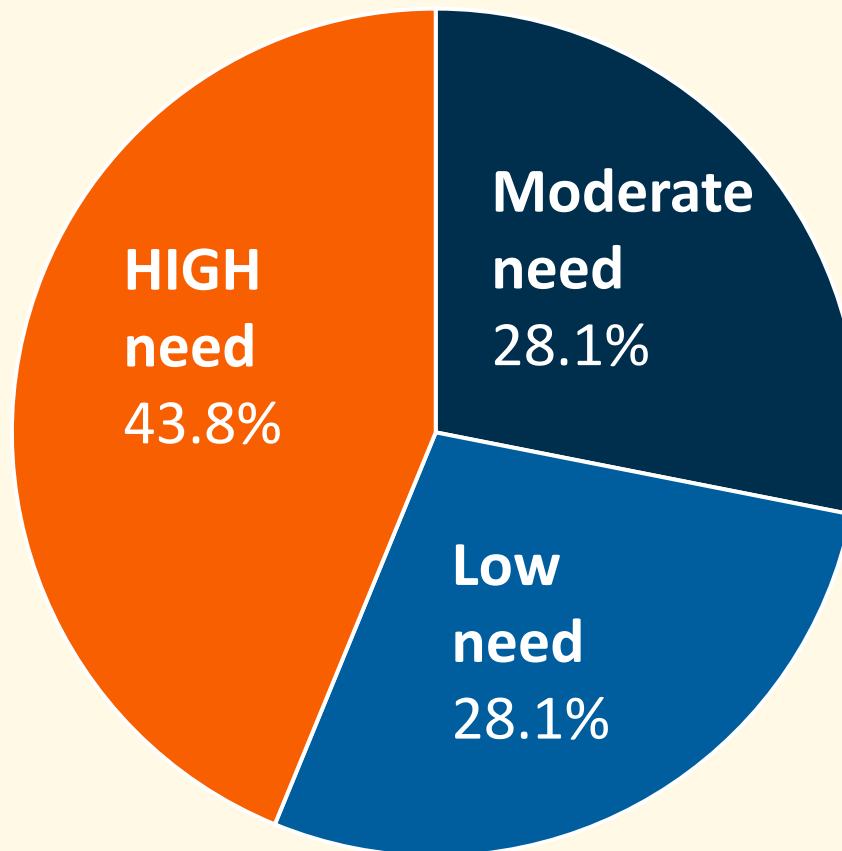


Data Set



Minnesota Need

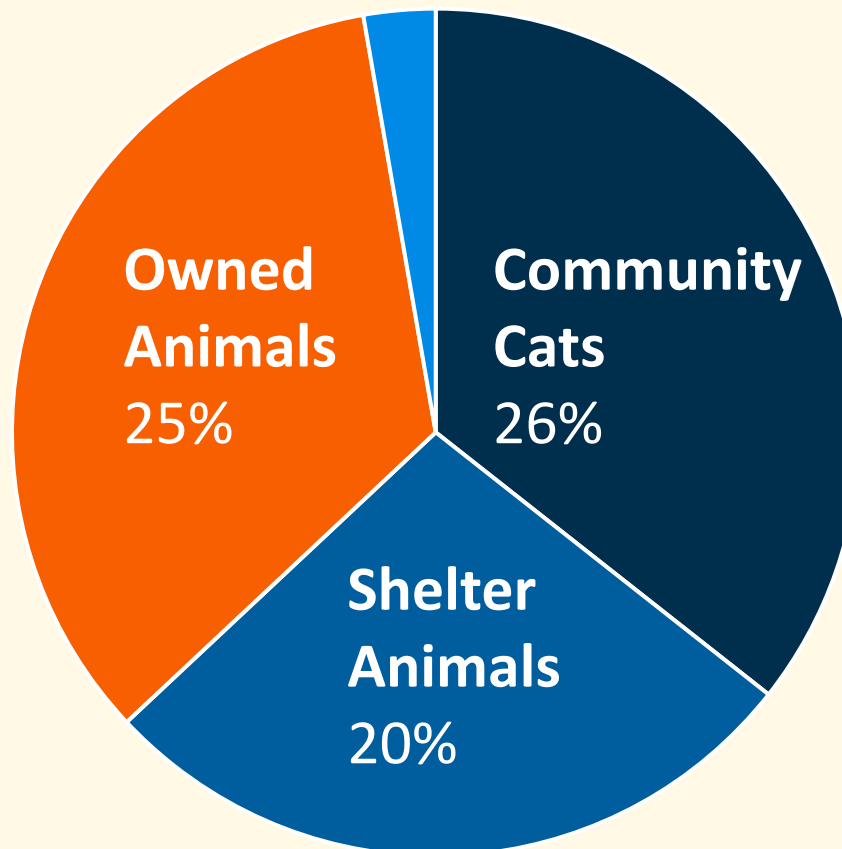
State breakdown of need



■ Moderate Need ■ Low Need ■ High Need

Spay Neuter Needs

Services Needed



■ S/N Community Cats ■ S/N Shelter Animals ■ S/N Owned Animals ■ None



ACCESSIBILITY FACTORS

Distance to receive services

Sterilization wait time

of animals waiting on sterilization

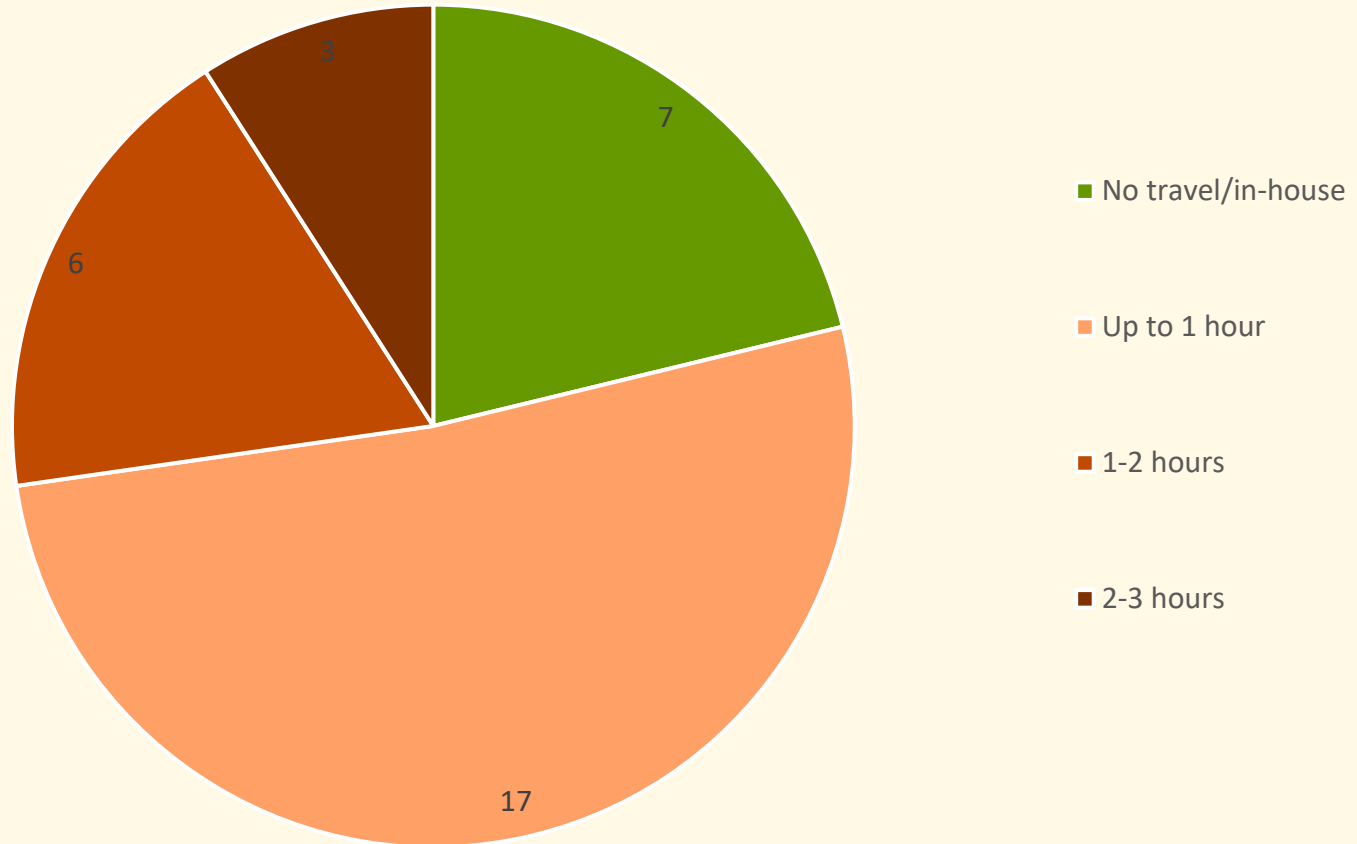
Cost

Service provider

Perception of:
Accessibility
Adoption time impact

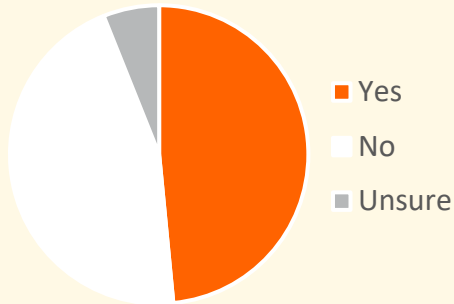
Distance

Average time travelled

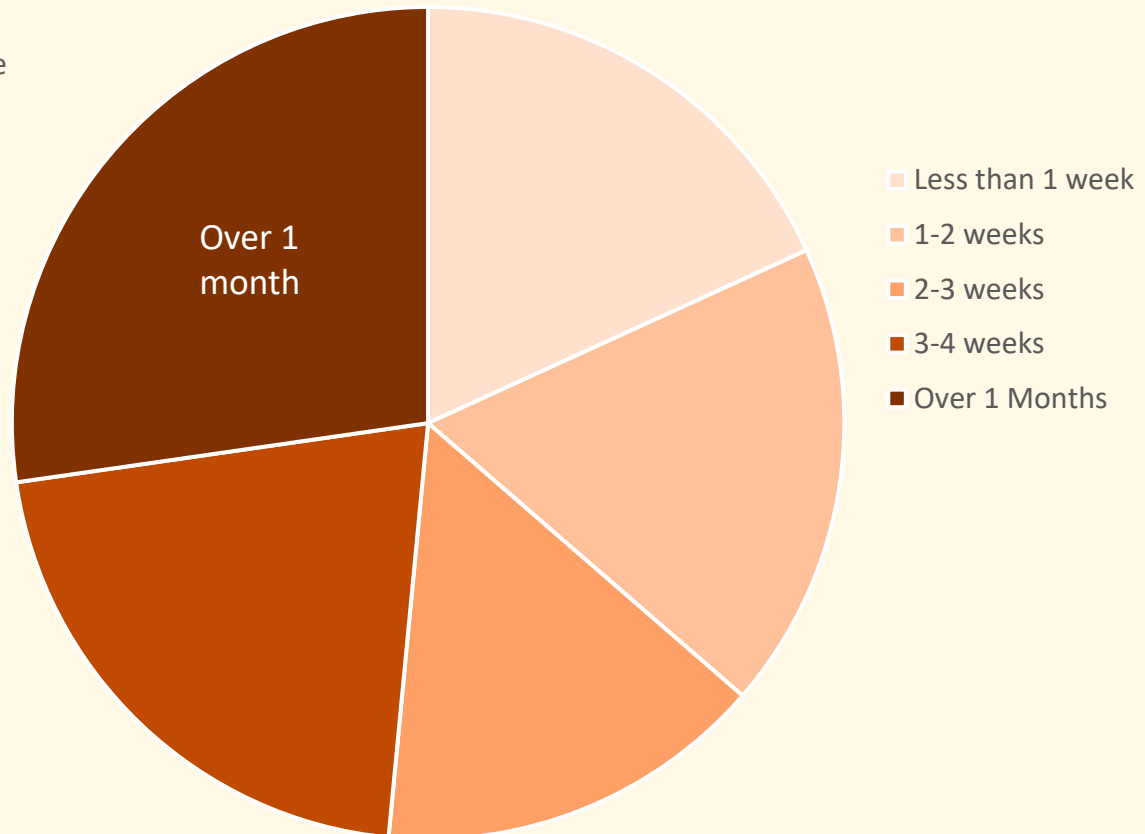


Sterilization Wait Time

Track Sterilization Wait Time



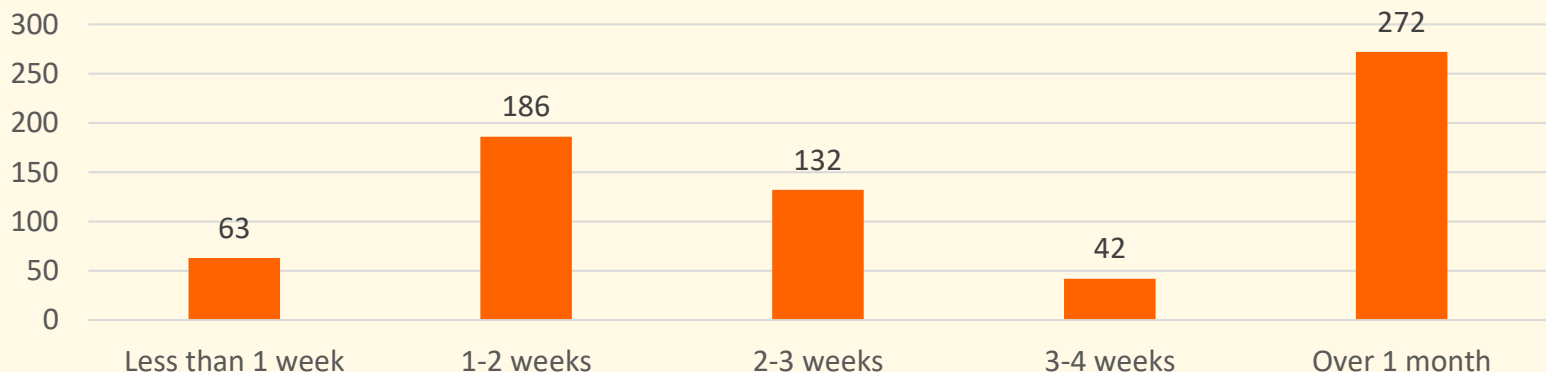
Sterilization Wait Time



Number of Animals Waiting on Sterilization

695

Average number of animals waiting for sterilization by wait time



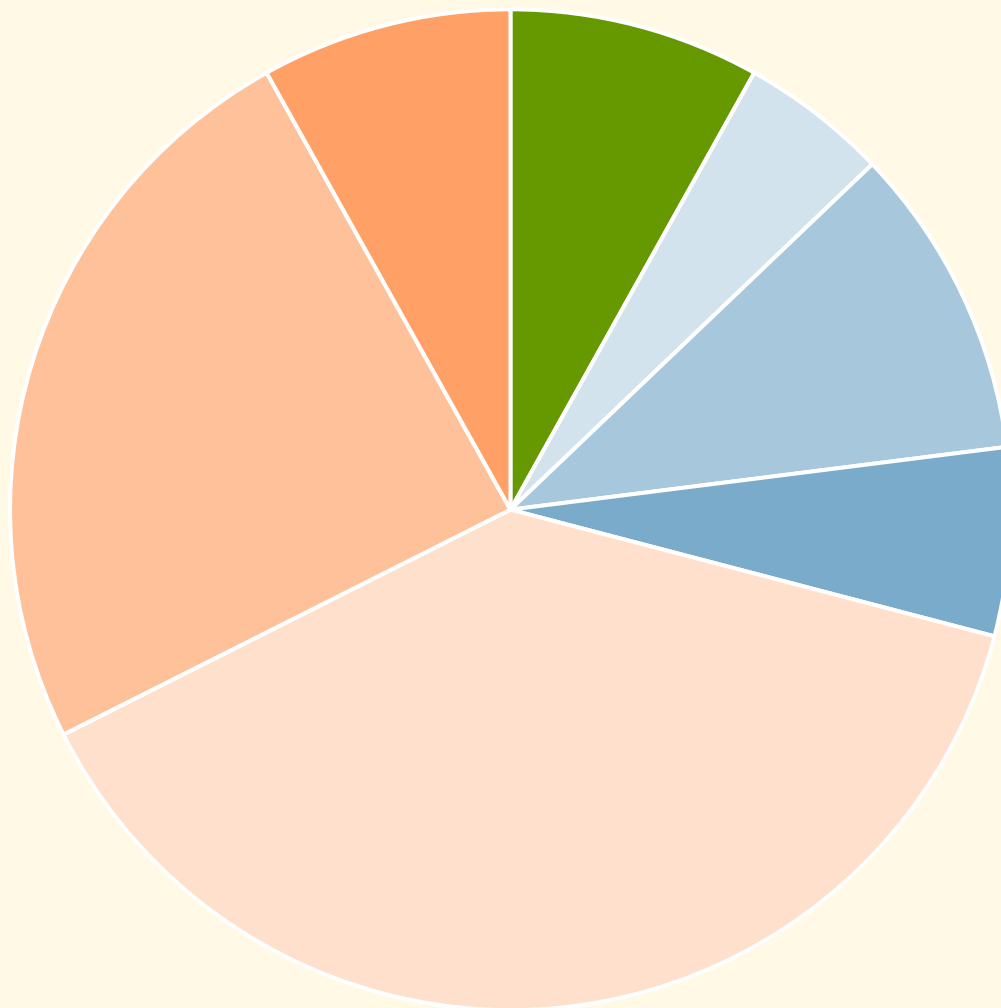
■ Average number of animals waiting for sterilization by wait time

Cost of spay and neuter



Spay Neuter Provider

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12.2% have a
veterinarian on staff

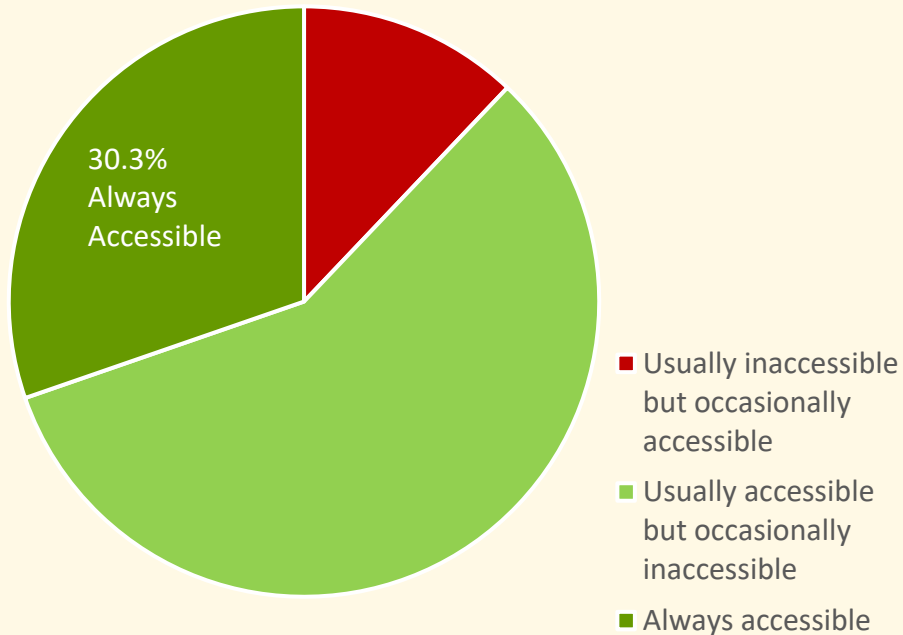
14.2% have onsite
services

**71.5% have offsite
services**

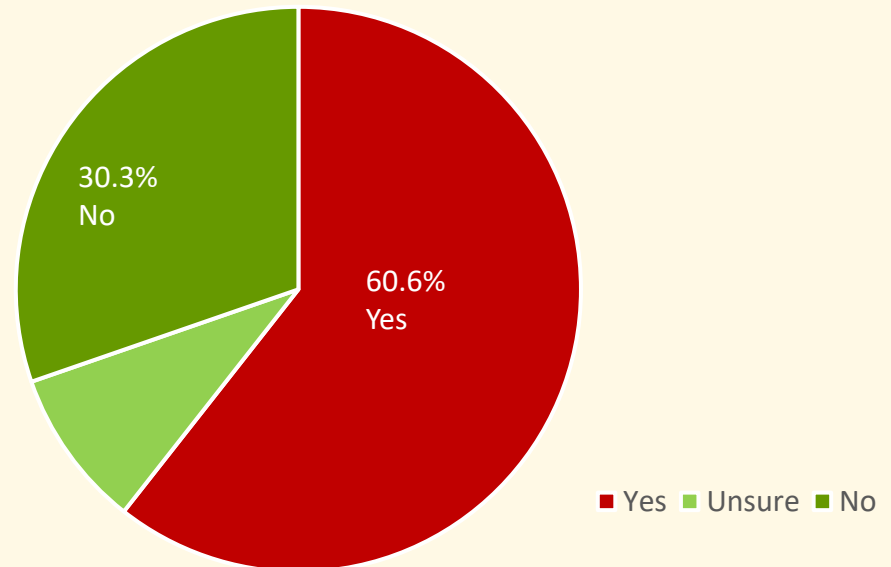
- Onsite full time staff vet
- Onsite part time staff vet
- Onsite part time contracted vet
- Onsite part time volunteer vet
- Offsite contracted clinic
- Offsite contracted vet
- Offsite volunteer vet

Perception

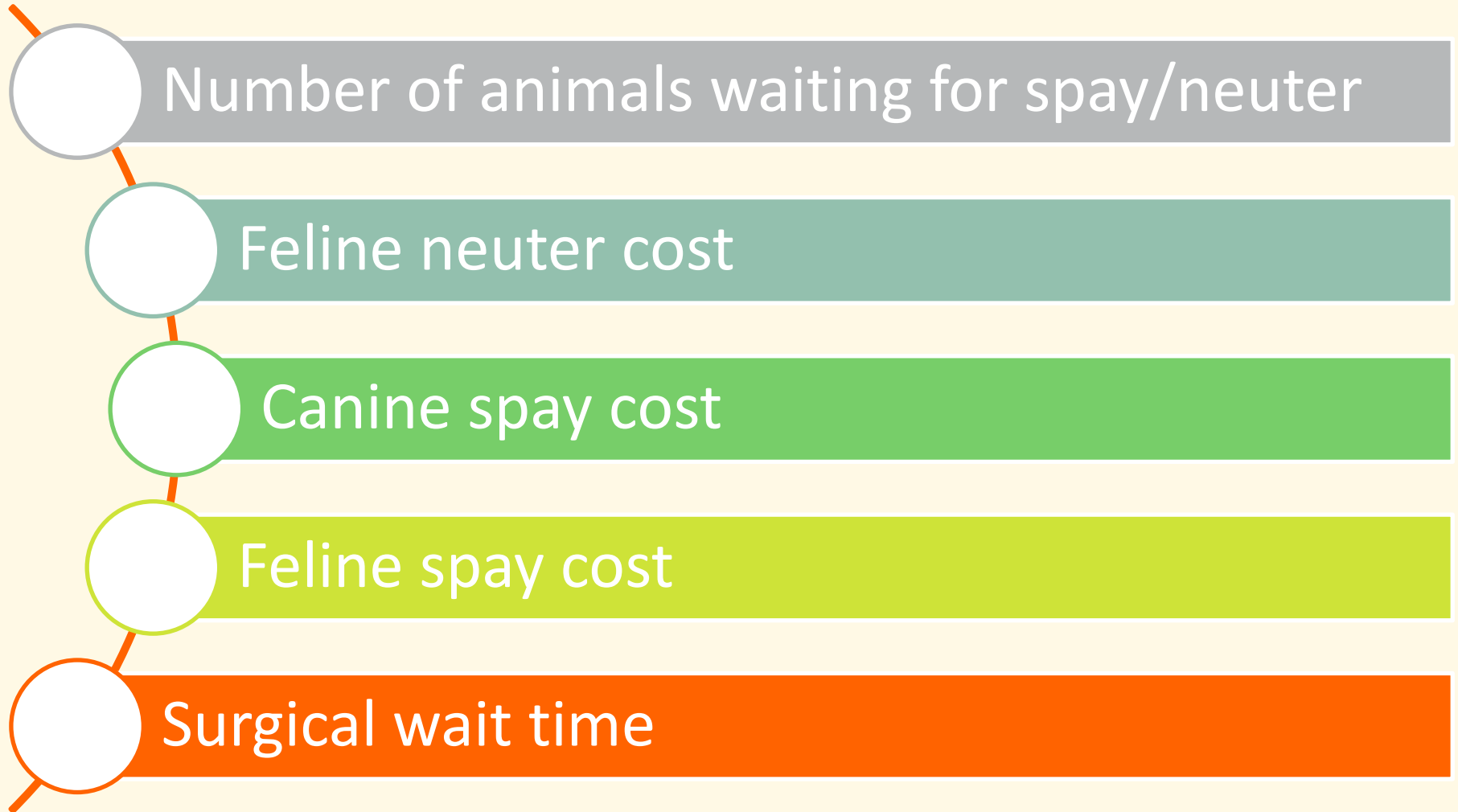
How accessible is s/n for your shelter's animals right now?



Do you feel that your shelter's animals are taking longer to adopt because of access to spay neuter surgeries?



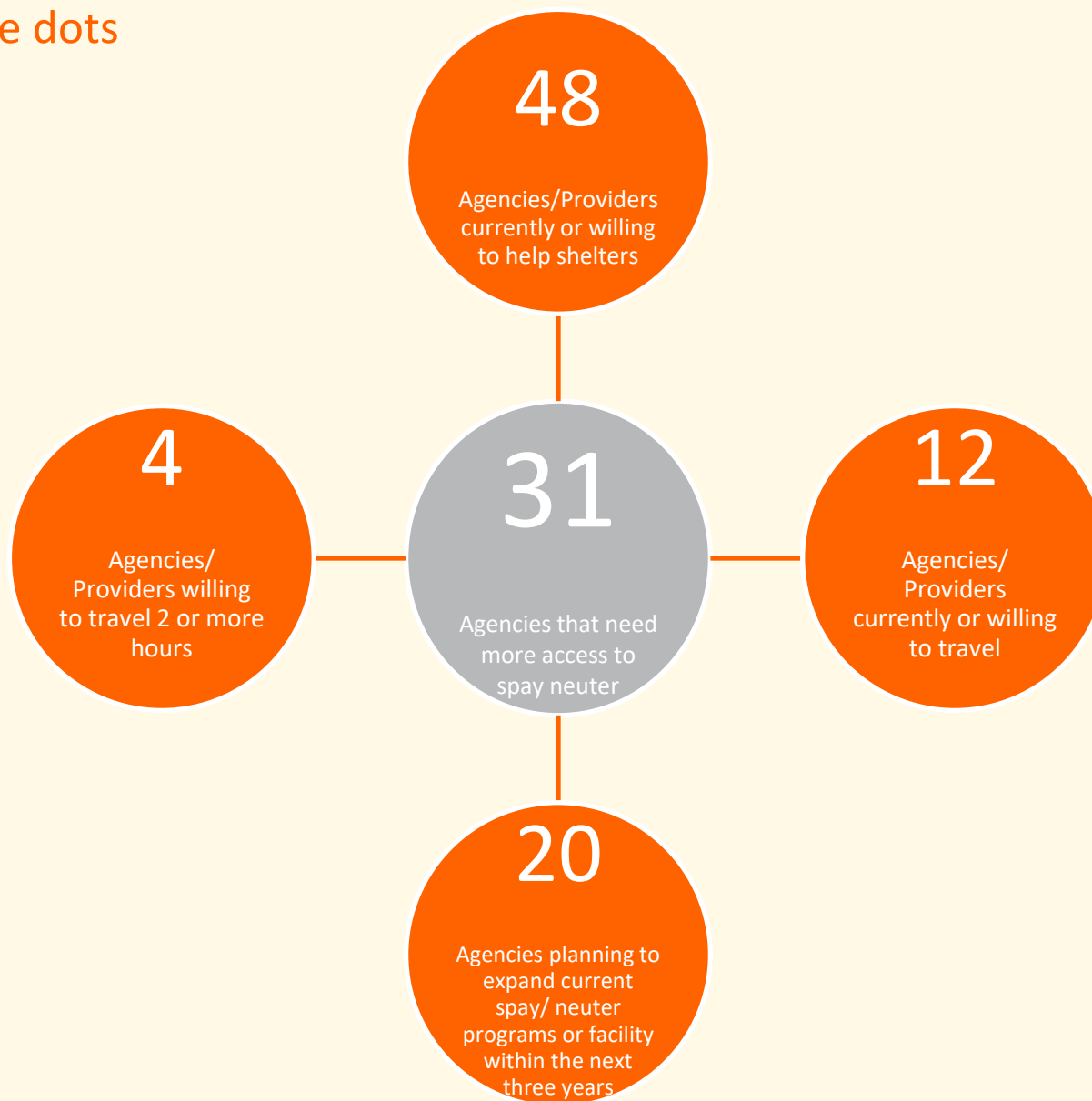
Top 5 Service Gaps





**Connecting
the dots**

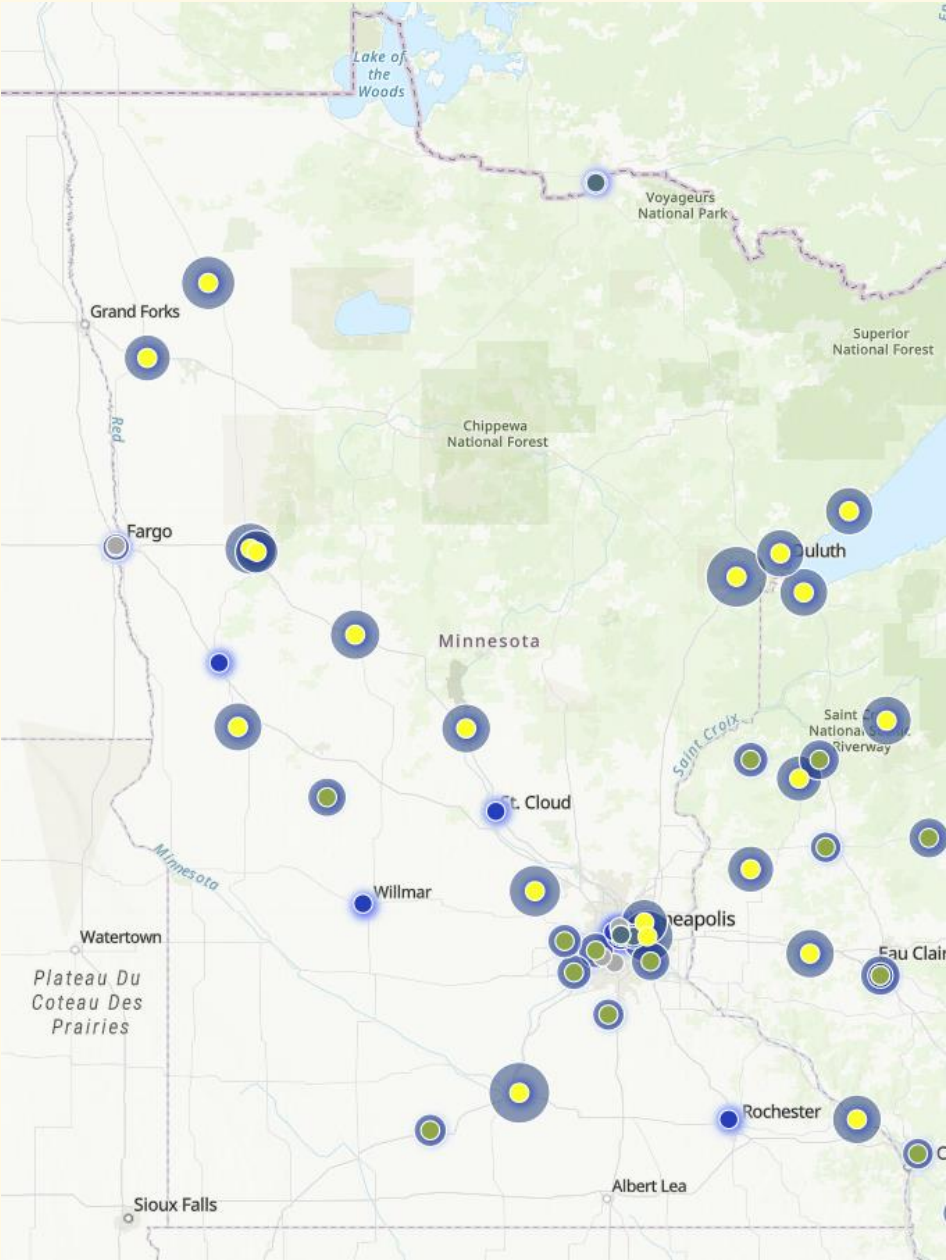
Connecting the dots



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Individuals willing to or potentially willing to lead a collaborative effort in their region of the state



A close-up photograph of a brown pit bull dog looking directly at the camera with its tongue hanging out. The dog is wearing a red harness. It is being held by a person whose arms and torso are visible. The person is wearing a grey t-shirt with an orange logo that includes a paw print and the word 'PUP' above 'RESCUE'. The text 'Collaboration is KEY!' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Collaboration is KEY!

WHAT TO DO (~ 5 minutes each step)

INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Name & role

Briefly explain your role as it pertains to s/n

If you don't have a direct role relating to spay neuter, brainstorm how your role CAN impact spay neuter access for your shelter

DISCUSS HOW YOU CURRENTLY ACCESS SPAY NEUTER

Local vet?

Partner vet?

In-House?

Partner clinic?

DISCUSS IDEAS FOR INCREASING ACCESS TO SPAY NEUTER

Sharing a veterinarian between shelters

Volunteer transportation to clinics further away

Contract with a travelling shelter veterinarian

Expanding facility to include spay neuter clinic

Expand operations to become a hub for surrounding shelters

DISCUSS NEXT STEPS TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

Swap email addresses

Brainstorm who could lead upcoming Zoom calls

Establish cadence for meeting regularly to share ideas and solutions