**Section 996.300 Eligibility to Participate**

a) *A resident of* this *State who owns a* companion animal *and who is eligible for the* Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly *the Food Stamp Program*) *or the Social Security Disability Insurance Benefits Program* (SSDI) *shall be eligible to participate in the program if the owner* or an individual authorized by the owner *signs a consent form certifying that he or she is the owner of the* companion animal *or is authorized by the eligible owner to present the* companion animal *for the procedure*. (Section 25 of the Act)

b) *A resident of this State who is managing a feral cat colony and who humanely traps feral cats for spaying or neutering and return is eligible to participate in the program provided* that *the trap, sterilize, and return program is recognized by the municipality or by the county, if* the feral cat colony *is located in an unincorporated area.* (Section 25 of the Act)

c) *No dog or cat imported from another state is eligible to be sterilized or vaccinated under this program*. (Section 20 of the Act)