

Who We Are:

Denver Animal Protection's Outreach Services is our award-winning pro-active outreach program designed to address the need for accessible basic pet care services and supplies for people and pets living in underserved areas of Denver. This program seeks to meet community members where they are, rather than waiting for an animal or owner to come to us. Our Community Navigators work within service areas to help build humane communities through free services, supplies, and education. During times of city-wide disasters, pandemics, and emergencies, we conduct services tailored to the needs of the pet families in the city at large. We also have members of our team that speak Spanish. ¡Hablamos español! We use innovative strategies and fresh approaches that are designed to extend the reach of animal services, supplies, and information to those in need. We take an equitable and supportive approach to helping animals by working directly with their owners where they are. We are not an enforcement program but strive to help people's pets come into compliance with city regulations and policies for free!

Where We Work:

We currently have two service areas that operate in zip codes 80219, 80204, and 80239. Our Southwest region service area encompasses the zip codes 80219 and 80204 and was launched in 2016. As our program has grown, in 2018 we expanded into our Northeast region which is identified by the 80239 zip code. Through community assessments we determined that there is a high volume of pets with very little to no access to local veterinarians, pet supply stores, or even grocery stores in the areas we serve. Our ability to serve these areas comes from grants, shelter resources, and the support of the City and County of Denver government. There is no qualification necessary beyond the animals living at an address within these zip codes.

What We Do:

DAP's Outreach Services program exists to help provide and support access to basic services and resources needed to care for animals in our communities. We act not only as a service provider ourselves, but also as a connector to the many other animal welfare organizations in our City. We offer Spay/Neuter packages to any resident animal in our service area for free. These packages include a spay or neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip, and a city license all entirely for FREE. We also have collars and leashes available and other resources that are important to keeping an animal healthy and safe. In times of city-wide emergency response, we conduct food and supply delivery, displacement support for pets, and tailor other services and supplies directly to the emergency at hand. Unfortunately, our funds are limited so we are not able to provide long term supportive care. Our overall goal is to help our city's pets live safer and longer in the homes where they are needed and loved.

What We've Accomplished:

- Since its launch, our program has helped to spay/neuter more than 2700 animals in the 80219, 80204, and 80239 zip codes for free!
- We've held 8 free Vaccine Clinics and given out over 7500 vaccinations to pets for free!
- We've distributed thousands of collars, leashes, licenses, microchips and educational resources to animals within our service areas for free!