**Section 996.100 Definitions**

"Act" means the Illinois Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Act [510 ILCS 92].

*"Companion Animal" means any domestic dog (canis lupus familiaris) or domestic cat (felis catus).* (Section 10 of the Act)

*"Department" means the Department of Public Health.* (Section 10 of the Act)

*"Director" means the Director of Public Health.* (Section 10 of the Act)

*"Feral Cat" means a cat that:*

*is born in the wild or is the offspring of an owned or feral cat and is not socialized;*

*is a formerly owned cat that has been abandoned and is no longer socialized;*

*or lives on a farm.* (Section 2.11b of the Animal Control Act)

"Feral Cat Colony Manager" means an Illinois resident, identified by a county or municipality that recognizes the program, *who humanely traps feral cats for spaying or neutering and return*. (Section 25 of the Act)

*"Fund" means the Pet Population Control Fund established in* the *Act.* (Section 10 of the Act)

"Program" means the Illinois Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Program established by the Department of Public Health. This program provides low-cost dog or cat sterilizations for eligible owners of companion animals and eligible managers of feral cat colonies.

"State Fiscal Year" means an accounting period of 12 months starting July 1 and ending June 30.

"Veterinarian" means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Illinois under the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 [225 ILCS 115].