

Spay/Neuter Midshore

Project # 16-107

County: Talbot and Dorchester Counties

Number of Cats Spayed: 238 Number of Dogs Spayed: 140 Number of Cats Neutered: 204 Number of Dogs Neutered: 121

Amount Received: \$48,354.40 Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0.60

Project Synopsis:

To provide free spay/neuter surgeries to qualifying community members living within Talbot County, MD and the City of Cambridge in Dorchester County MD.







Project Description:

Spay/Neuter Midshore provided spay/neuter and rabies vaccinations to owned animals within Talbot County and the City of Cambridge, MD. The goal is to reduce the number of unwanted animals entering the care of shelters and rescue organizations on the midshore, and, the number of unwanted companion animals in Dorchester county, specifically Cambridge.

Summary of Approach:

Spay/Neuter Midshore was wildly successful from day 1. We worked in cooperation with other agencies and organizations to share information about the program. Specifically Dorchester County Dog Control, Talbot County Social Services, Dorchester County Health Department, Talbot County Health Department and others. We advertised in areas where the target population may frequent and used easy to grab postcards to leave in these locations. We used all attended community events to sign up potential pet owners and spread information.

Accomplishments:

The Accomplishments were exciting.

- 1- We were able to alter 703 animals vs the initial expected number of 600 with the granted funds. This is an increase of just under 15% over expected goal.
- 2- We were able to assist residents with other pet related needs such as education on good nutrition, proper veterinary care and provide supplies and knowledge on crate training dogs and encouraging cats to stay indoors when not supervised.

Lessons Learned:





One important lesson we knew but learned first hand was the need for services beyond the city of Cambridge. Residents were contacting us regularly for help with companion pets and feral cats from all across Dorchester County. This need is large and constant. In order to better serve this in-need population the grant gifted to Talbot Humane for the 2017 year is focusing on a larger cross section of Dorchester County as well as all of Talbot County.

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Attachments:

spay.neuter.midshore.16.final spreadsheet Postcards and posters for Spay Neuter Midshore

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