



LAUREL CATS, INC.
EAST LAUREL APARTMENTS: PHASE II – UNOWNED CATS

Project #
17-244

County: PG, AAC, Howard Project Focus: Unowned Cats

Number of Cats Spayed:	96	Number of Dogs Spayed:	0
Number of Cats Neutered:	96	Number of Dogs Neutered:	0

Amount Received: \$11,400 Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): 0

Project Synopsis:

This project was originally designed to alter the unowned cats in the poorest areas of Laurel, the 197 corridor and Parkway Village Trailer Park. The project was later expanded to alter unowned cats in surrounding areas of Laurel as well.



Project Description:

This project focused on a combination of single family home communities, including mobile homes and town homes, and apartment complexes.

Summary of Approach:

In single family home neighborhoods we knocked on doors and spoke with residents to identify unaltered cats. Once we were confident that we had identified all of the caretakers and had a reasonable headcount on cats, we made vet appointments and set a date for volunteers and caretakers to work together to traps the cats. Cats were help overnight in a garage, transported to the clinic the next day, altered and vaccinated at the clinic, and then brought home and released the day after surgery.

For apartment complexes we coordinated with the property managers and maintenance personnel to identify cat feeding areas. We also walked the grounds and searched for cat food bowls and worked to make contact with the human caretakers associated with those bowls. Once we were confident that we had identified all of the caretakers and had a reasonable headcount on cats, we made vet appointments and set a date for volunteers and caretakers to work together to traps the cats. Cats were help overnight in a garage, transported to the clinic the next day, altered and vaccinated at the clinic, and then brought home and released the day after surgery.

Unowned kittens and friendly cats we found in the target area were altered, vaccinated, treated for illness and rehomed.



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Accomplishments:

Through this grant we were not only able to alter nearly all of the free-roaming cats in the initial target area, but numerous unowned cats in areas expanding out from there. This grant, and the MDA grant before it, were largely responsible for allowing us to bring Laurel into “maintenance” where we have altered the vast majority of the cats in our community. As you can see in the attached graphs, local cat shelter euthanasia rates are greatly reduced as are cat complaints in our target area.

Lessons Learned:

Through this project and related work we have developed and refined, systematic methods for mass trappings of whole communities with 100% capture rates.

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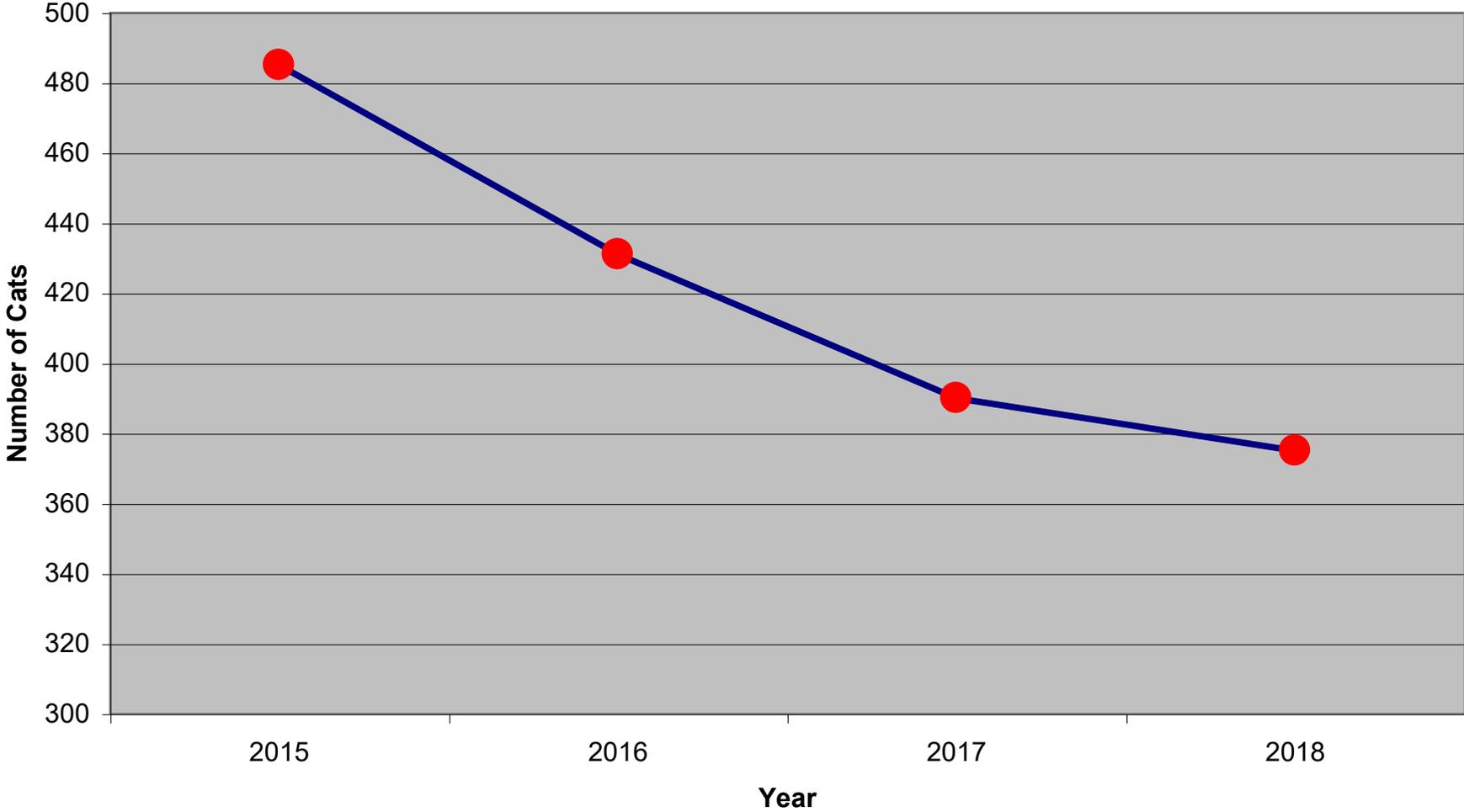


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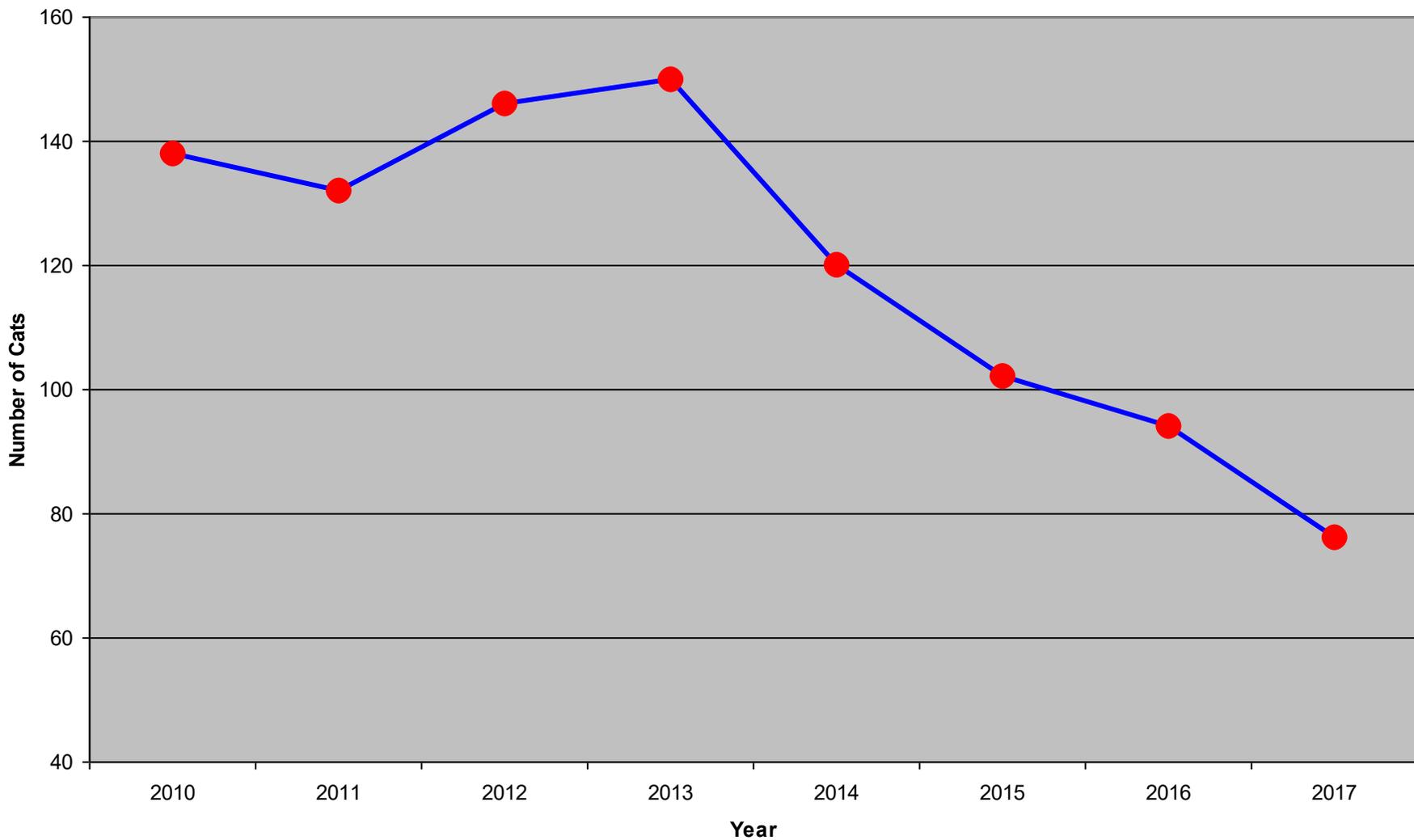
Laurel Free-Roaming Cat Population

(75 Managed Colonies Surveyed Since 2015)



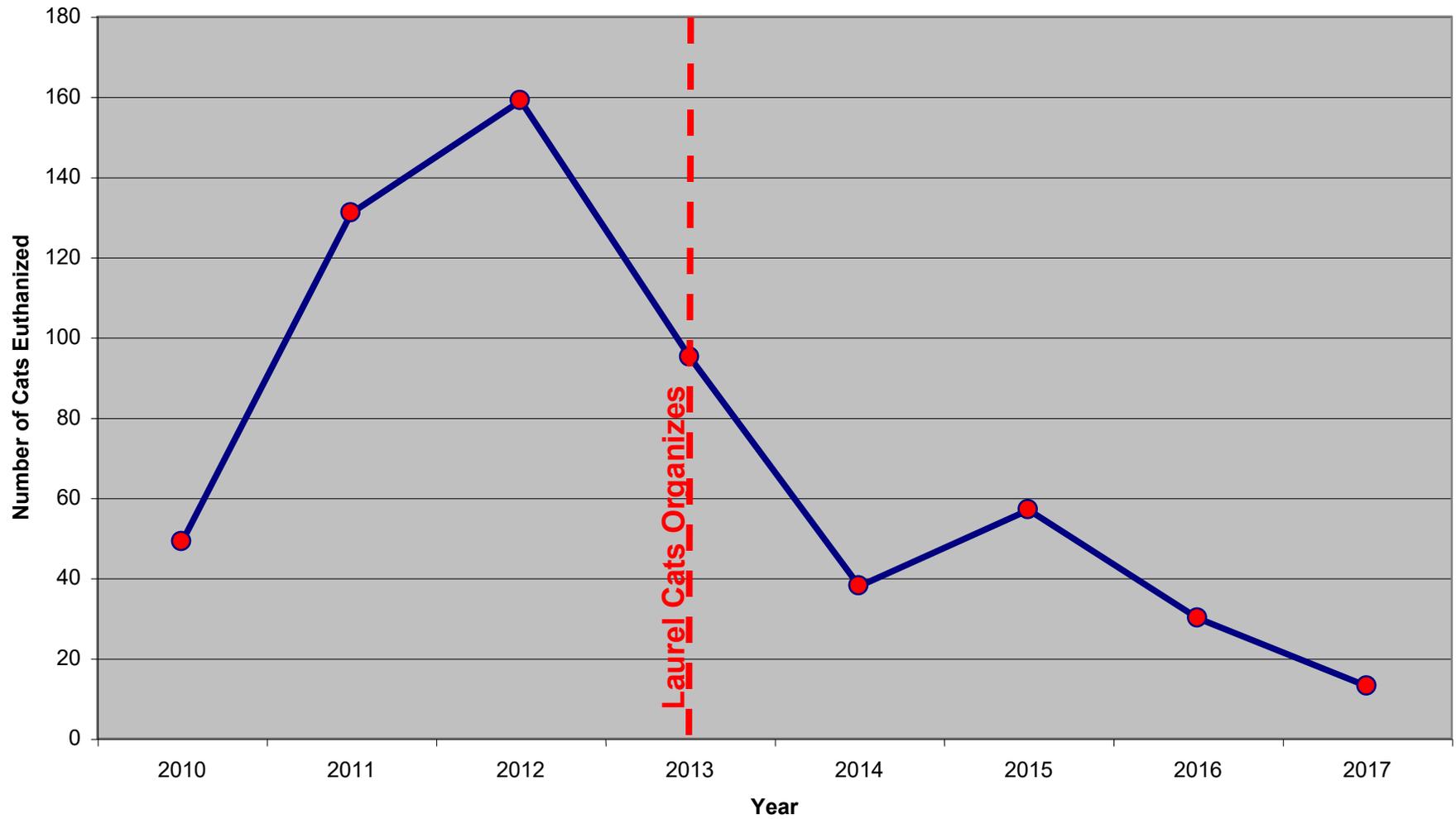
Complaints About Cats

Prince George's County Laurel



Cat Shelter Euthanasia

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