

# Final Grant Progress Report

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Maryland Department of Agriculture

Spay and Neuter Grants Program

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### Contact Information

**Project Title**

Laurel Cats: Prince George's County Collaborative Expansion

**Project Type**

Feral Cat Application

**Project #**

22-7010

**Date of Report**

Apr 20, 2022

**Project Contact Name**

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### Organization Name and Address

**Organization Name**

Laurel Cats Inc

**County**

Prince George's County

**Address Line 1**

P.O. Box 57

**Address Line 2**

City	State	Zipcode
Laurel	Maryland	20725

**Full Address**

**Budget Expenditures**

**Total Grant Awarded**

**Total Amount Spent**

**Amount Remaining**

**Surgery Information**

Number of Cats Spayed	Number of Cats Neutered
103	117

Number of Dogs Spayed	Number of Dogs Neutered

Total Surgeries Proposed	Total Surgeries Completed
260	220

**Project Information**

**Project Synopsis**

We worked cooperatively with several other cat TNVR groups that serve Prince George's County including Last Chance Animal Rescue, Charles County Humane Society, and Outlaw Kitties to perform mass trapping in parts of Prince George's County that contribute to the highest cat intake and euthanasia numbers at the shelter.

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## Additional Information

### Project Description

Laurel Cats worked cooperatively with several Prince George's County cat groups to expand its range beyond Laurel and perform TNVR in underserved parts of Prince George's County including Clinton, Temple Hills, and Fort Washington. These areas contribute to some of the highest intake and euthanasia numbers at the Prince George's County Animal Shelter. Groups we worked with included Last Chance Animal Rescue, Charles County Humane Society, and Outlaw Kitties.

### Summary of Approach

We targeted neighborhood based upon complaints and then thoroughly canvassed the neighborhood to identify all cat feeders. We then arranged to have all of the feeders pick up food before and during trapping. We trapped at all feeding site simultaneously for a total of 72 hours. Cats were fixed at clinics belonging to Last Chance Animal Society and housed for recovery by a volunteer from Charles County Humane Society. Afterwards, friendly cats were fostered and rehomed. Feral cats were returned to the site where they were trapped.

### Accomplishments

Despite significant challenges created by the pandemic and associated veterinary shortage, we managed to complete six mass trappings and alter 220 cats all during the heart of winter when the cat population is at its lowest. Winter trapping is by far the most efficient use of funds as colony size is the smallest that is will be during the annual cycle. It is also the easiest time of the year to catch 100% of the cats at a site as the cats are hungry and the Toms are not roaming. It also allows you to get a head of the bulk of complaints to animal control that cause intake and euthanasia by getting ahead of and preventing the influx of kittens. We also saved the life of a very sweet cat that had been severely mauled by a dog last summer and had been suffering from a horrendous infected injury ever since. Finally, we brought together multiple cat groups in a first of its kind multi-group trapping project, forging partnerships that will last well into the future.

## Lessons Learned

This was by far the most challenging project we have undertaken so far with an MDA grant. If the simple logistics of working so far from Laurel and managing a multi-group project and were not enough, the pandemic was constantly throwing curve balls at us. For example, when the funds arrived and we called our local vets to try and book slots for mass trapping, the veterinary shortage hit with full force. We could not get spay/neuter slots at ANY of the local vets we planned to use. Last Chance Animal Rescue came to our rescue and moved heaven and earth to make enough slots at their two clinics for us to run this project. We would have been dead in the water without them. Unfortunately, LCAR's rates are more expensive than those of our local clinics upon which we had based our budget so we did not fix as many cats with these funds as we had originally hoped. I could write several more paragraphs about the pandemic challenges we faced but I am out characters that this software will allow.

## Attachments (proof of surgeries performed)



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