

# 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**

Fixes for Free in Kent County

**Project Type**

Pet Focused Application

**Project #**

22-7057

**Date of Report**

Oct 7, 2022

**Project Contact Name**

Allison Atadan

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### Organization Name and Address

**Organization Name**

Humane Society of Kent County

**County**

Kent County

**Address Line 1**

10720 Augustine Herman Hwy

**Address Line 2**

City	State	Zipcode
Chestertown	Maryland	21620

**Full Address**

10720 Augustine Herman Hwy  
Chestertown Maryland 21620

**Budget Expenditures**

**Total Grant Awarded**

\$8,550.00

**Total Amount Spent**

\$8,550.00

**Amount Remaining**

\$0.00

**Surgery Information**

**Number of Cats Spayed**

22

**Number of Cats Neutered**

15

**Number of Dogs Spayed**

23

**Number of Dogs Neutered**

10

**Total Surgeries Proposed**

70

**Total Surgeries Completed**

70

**Project Information**

**Project Synopsis**

Having researched the prevalence of poverty in Kent County, calculated the number of unaltered pets in the area, and identified the correlation between low-income areas and the origin of ACSKC's stray and surrender intakes, ACSKC saw a great need for a free spay and neuter program.

With the approval of the Project, the team followed the proposed work plan and made adjustments as needed. Most notably, editing the language regarding the limited availability of the project's funding in order to motivate potential applicants to apply.

The project saw highs and lows in the number of applications submitted and the number of surgeries completed throughout the project. However, the 70 surgeries goal was met and all the funds were spent within the proposed timeline.

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## Additional Information

### Project Description

At the time of the grant's proposal, an estimated 12.3% of Kent County's population lives below the poverty line. It was then surmised that 2,500 Kent County residents are unable to prioritize their pet's health due to financial insecurity. Therefore, the need for funding for free spay and neuter services was greatly apparent, as the grant would easily serve a significant portion of our community, who, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, had undoubtedly endured devastating economic strain.

Not only would the program help alleviate this strain, the shelter would be presented the opportunity to strengthen ties with a substantial part of Kent County that may not necessarily be able to donate their time or otherwise have a relationship with the shelter.

The grant funds awarded were for the express purpose of covering 70 spay and neuter surgeries and the corresponding rabies vaccines for both dogs and cats of Kent County residents. The surgeries would be facilitated by four Kent County-based veterinarian clinics. (Continued in ACSKC\_2021\_FinalGrantProgressReport.pdf)

### Summary of Approach

With the receipt of the grant's funds, our Media Coordinator commenced the launch of the Project: they enabled the application to apply for the grant on the shelter's website, with accompanying pop-up that informed and directed all site visitors to the application; the press release about the grant's availability was posted to the shelter's website, social media pages, and shared with all local news outlets; flyers and applications were provided to all participating vets offices, and there were ongoing social media posts and segments that ran on WCTR 106.9, Kent County's radio station, to advertise the availability of the Project.

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### Accomplishments

The most apparent and perhaps most important achievement to spotlight is the success of 70 completed surgeries within the Project's proposed timeline. 70 cats and dogs who were previously unaltered within Kent County are now reaping the health benefits of having been spayed or neutered. There is little doubt that without the offering of this Project, these animals most likely would have never received the surgery, let alone visited the vet. In fact, several animals may not still be with their owners had they not been seen.

One such animal was a dog named Timber. Timber was brought to the vet for his surgery, during which it was discovered he had an enlarged prostate. Had Timber's owner not had the opportunity to bring his dog to the vet through the program, Timber's condition could have worsened considerably before his owner realized there was a problem!

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Lessons Learned

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**Attachments (proof of surgeries performed)**



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