

Final Grant Progress Report

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Maryland Department of Agriculture

Spay and Neuter Grants Program

Contact Information

Project Title

Spay and Neuter at Risk and at Large Pets 2023

Project Type

Pet Focused Application

Project #

23-8059

Date of Report

Jul 3, 2025

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County

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Maryland

21108

Full Address

Budget Expenditures

Total Grant Awarded

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| \$11,400.00 |
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Total Amount Spent

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Amount Remaining

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| \$450.00 |
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Surgery Information**Number of Cats Spayed**

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| 20 | 13 |
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Number of Cats Neutered**Number of Dogs Spayed**

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| 34 | 33 |
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Number of Dogs Neutered**Total Surgeries Proposed**

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| 0 | 100 |
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Total Surgeries Completed**Project Information****Project Synopsis**

We faced many difficulties related to staffing turnover at both an office support function and at key leadership positions at the shelter. This included our full time on staff Veterinarian and our Administrator in the spring of 2024. Previous contracted veterinarians we had utilized under this grant (Dr. Bill Ehrig) would no longer be able to support us in the project. We were required to return \$450 from this grant. It is important to note of the 100 total surgeries completed, 79 of these surgeries were done at a reduced cost of \$100/hr from a previously contracted vet. Rather than charging per animal.

For example, we began accepting applications again in February 2024. Based on our grant application the cost of surgeries, for 1/1/24 - 3/31/24, could have been \$1,520.00 however the veterinarian allowed us to pay him at a lower rate therefore on \$400.00 will be charged from the grant.

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Additional Information

Project Description

Via the funding from the Maryland Department of Agriculture AND support from itself and from Friends of Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control, free spay/neuter, free rabies vaccination and free microchip implantation to qualifying low-income individuals. Animal Care & Control targeted owners who:

- Have dogs or cats that are being reclaimed from our facility;
- Planned to surrender a cat or dog but may decide to keep the pet(s) with the aforementioned free services;
- Have had contact with Animal Care & Control regarding reproduction of their existing pets that poses a risk of increased shelter intake;
- Own dogs that are identified as pit bull types;
- Have been in contact with our field officers, who believe these services may lead to reduced intake;
- Learned of the Maryland Department of Agriculture funding and are seeking assistance they qualify for;
- Live in areas of high intake for Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control.

Summary of Approach

Focus on those who:

Those receiving any form of government assistance (Disability, WIC, subsidized housing, SNAP, FSP, Homelessness Prevention) Household incomes at or below what is considered low income based on information from www.ushousingdata.com,

Poverty guidelines for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia from <https://aspe.hhs.gov>

Individuals who are unemployed

Individuals who are indigent (Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control interacts on a regular basis with individuals experiencing homelessness. Individuals using our Keeping Pets with Families pilot program will be eligible)

Individuals who are using our domestic violence program

Additionally, as discussed in our summary, we will be targeting individuals in our community that our shelter staff or field services staff have had contact with and have determined that helping them with spay/neuters may reduce our intake. For example: individuals with multiple intact pets in their home; individuals reclaiming.

Accomplishments

100 total surgeries completed, 79 of these surgeries were done at a reduced cost of \$100/hr from a previously contracted vet. Rather than charging per animal.

Lessons Learned

We were missing and abundant amount of resources (particularly at key roles, such as our department Administrator and our in house Veterinarian during the course of this grant. Previous contracted veterinarians we had utilized under this grant (Dr. Bill Ehrig) would no longer be able to support us in the project or we had diverted their focus to be on animals that made their way through our shelter as that was the biggest priority during this period.

We learned to manage the turnover, although we had to pause the grant surgeries we were able to secure relationships at outside practices such as Animal Birth Control who spayed/neutered approximately 40 cats every week and Spay Spa Neuter Nook spayed/neutered approximately 15-18 dogs each week. This allowed us to keep up with demand for in house animals without creating a back log prior to our in house Veterinarian position being filled.

Attachments (proof of surgeries performed)

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