

Montgomery County Community Cat Coalition, Inc.'s TNR in Gaithersburg/Germantown

Grant ID FY23-8098 Feral Cat

County(ies) Served: Montgomery County

Date of Final Report: 3/17/2024

Number of Cats Spayed Total: 48 Number of Cats Neutered Total: 70

Total Number of Surgeries Completed: 118

Grant Amount Awarded: \$5,830.00 **Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA):** \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

Our project was successful at continuing TNR in neighborhoods that were frequently served in prior iterations of this grant. Prorating by the funds granted vs. the amount requested, our target number of cats was 106. We exceeded this number by TNRing 118 cats (partly because of the relative number of male neuters, which were cheaper than spays). Continuing to work previously served areas and maintain contact with caretakers was worthwhile.

Project Description:

The point of the project was to revisit the ZIP codes that were worked an earlier iteration of this grant 2 years previously with the idea of TNRing newcomers or picking up additional caretakers.

Summary of Approach:

Trappers relied on prior acquaintance and contacts in these neighborhoods to hear of new cases. Also, some were self-submitted through a web form. Once on a case, our volunteers tried to do a thorough job and stay in contact with the caretakers through the full number of known cats in each colony or cluster.

Accomplishments:

We TNRed 118 cats (48 spays and 70 neuters) for 40 caretakers. The caretaker with the most cats had 12; two caretakers had 8 each, and one caretaker had 7.

Lessons Learned:

The organization is dependent on the approach with which individual volunteers are comfortable. Because of volunteers' coming and going, the mix of methods for finding the cats varied through the grant period -- e.g., proactive canvassing versus circling back to existing neighborhood contacts. Additionally, some cases were self-reported through a web form. Out of all the cats, 66 were from two ZIP codes, 20879 and 20886, which contain the Montgomery Airpark neighborhood and Montgomery Village, respectively. Anecdotally, this fits with our organization's experience that most feral cats are to be found either amid dense housing or in commercial and light-industrial corridors.





Project Photos:







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