

Final Grant Progress Report

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Maryland Department of Agriculture

Spay and Neuter Grants Program

Contact Information

Project Title

Spay/Neuter and Vaccinate Every Cat

Project Type

Feral Cat Application

Project #

24-9002

Date of Report

Jan 9, 2025

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Organization Name and Address

Organization Name

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue

County

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Millersville

Maryland

21108

Full Address

Budget Expenditures

Total Grant Awarded

\$37,500.00

Total Amount Spent**Amount Remaining**

\$0.00

Surgery Information**Number of Cats Spayed**

285

Number of Cats Neutered

314

Number of Dogs Spayed**Number of Dogs Neutered****Total Surgeries Proposed**

560

Total Surgeries Completed

599

Project Information**Project Synopsis**

We successfully completed the grant funding cycle in January. All 560 cats requested were spayed or neutered!

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Additional Information

Project Description

Since 2018, ever since the passage of Anne Arundel County Council bill 96-7 passed, Rude Ranch has worked hard to provide community cats the support that they need. Based upon sustained awards from MD Department of Agriculture, RUde Ranch has successfully completed its 8th year of the “SAVECats” (Spay/Neuter and Vaccinate Every Cat) program. The purpose of this program and project is to reduce the number of homeless, unwanted stray/feral/community cats (and kittens) turned into the Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control facility and other shelters in Anne Arundel County MD.

Summary of Approach

Our project works through four separate, parallel avenues: (1) Through direct trap-neuter-return by Rude Ranch staff, who respond to requests for assistance in the community. (2) Through animals identified by or caught or surrendered to Anne Arundel County Animal Care and Control. (3) Through partnerships with other animal rescues who work on TNR. (4) Through a group of long-standing TNR volunteers who work tirelessly to give community cats a better life.

Accomplishments

We performed more than 560 surgeries this year and start the next year on the rebound!

Lessons Learned

We saw a major drop in surgeries funded from 2021 (1200) to 2024 (560). We understand that this was a consequence of several issues including staffing, COVID-related problems, loss of trapping volunteers, etc. We have spent the last few years developing more robust networks to prevent this drop from happening in the future.

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