



**Caroline County Humane Society**  
*Don't Pay to Spay*

**Project #**  
**24-9003**

**Date of Report:** 1/17/25

**Project Focus:** Owned Dogs

**County(ies) Serviced:** Caroline

**Total Number of Dogs Spayed:** 40

**Total Number of Dogs Neutered:** 40

**Total Number of Surgeries:** 80

**Amount Received:** \$13,600.00

**Amount Spent:** \$13,600.00

**Amount Remaining (to be returned):** \$0.00

**Project Synopsis:**

The FY24 Pet-focused grant funded 40 dog spays, 40 dog neuters, and 80 Rabies vaccinations, totaling \$13,200 for surgeries and \$400 for Rabies vaccinations for Caroline County, MD residents meeting criteria for 'low-income'. We completed our goals, and ultimately gave the unused portion of Rabies monies to another resident to fund 75% of an extra neuter surgery.

**Project Description:**

The FY2024 Pet Focused grant provided affordable access for canine spay/neuter for 40 female dogs and 40 male dogs. Rabies vaccinations were also provided for any of the dogs not currently up-to-date with Rabies at the time of surgery.

**Summary of Approach:**

Announcement of the low cost spay/neuter opportunity was announced via our Facebook page, and available through an application on our website, or by paper application at our physical location. Applications were submitted along with income information requested. Those that applied were taken on a first come/first serve basis, and once income requirements were met, the surgeries were scheduled, and then performed by a mobile vet that would come to our location. Dogs were dropped off & picked up the same day.

**Accomplishments:**

We completed our grant goals in the beginning of the 3rd quarter. Target 80 dogs (40 spay/40 neuter) , done plus a portion of another surgery done using the remaining Rabies dollars (\$125) to pay a large portion of one additional dog neuter.

**Lessons Learned:**

There is a need for affordable spay/neuter surgeries in Caroline County. While residents enjoy the companionship of pets, most are not realistic, or prepared, as to the costs of properly caring for a pet as it pertains to any kind of surgery or emergency. That combined with lack of veterinary access in the County adds to the obstacles of spay/neuter.

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