

Date of Report: 5/13/2024 **Project Focus:** Feral Cats

County(ies) Serviced: Caroline County

Total Number of Cats Spayed: 138 Total Number of Cats Neutered: 120

Total Number of Surgeries: 258

Amount Received: \$20,400.00 Amount Spent: \$20,400.00 Amount Remaining (to be returned): \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

We exceeded our goal of 204 surgeries by 26.47%, and executed the grant in less than 5 months (way ahead of schedule)!

Project Description:

Our project objective was to Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return 102 females and males over the course of 2024.

Summary of Approach:

This year's TNR grant is a continuation of a vibrant TNR program we started in 2022. Our approach is to consistently market our TNR program at the shelter, on Facebook, at events...We take names, we do trap loans, we educate. Every Tuesday is TNR Tuesday.

Accomplishments:

We; 1. Exceeded our Surgery goal 2. We did this in record time of 5 months 3. Altered more females that males by 18 cats 4. Have continued seeking other ways to pay for TNR continue the project 5. Have not missed hosting TNR Tuesday since we used up our MDA funds mid-February 6. Are just as determined as ever to keep going.

Lessons Learned:

We still have TOO MANY free-roaming, unaltered community cats in Caroline County. We still have a long way to go to get our County residents to be proactive when a single cat shows up We need to continue TNR Tuesdays We have to keep finding ways to make the message heard and understood about the cat population in our County. We think we are being heard, but then we realize we need to try different messaging as maybe we 'get it', but those outside our circle don't hear the same thing we do.

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