



Maryland SPCA, Inc.
The MD SPCA FY24 Free Spay/Neuter Program for Owned Pets

Project #
24-9013

Date of Report: 1/13/2025

Project Focus: Owned Pets

County(ies) Serviced: Baltimore City

Total Number of Cats Spayed: 648

Total Number of Cats Neutered: 748

Total Number of Dogs Spayed: 186

Total Number of Dogs Neutered: 206

Total Number of Surgeries: 1,788

Amount Received: \$102,274.00 **Amount Spent:** \$102,274.00

Amount Remaining (to be returned): \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

With the support of the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), the MD SPCA completed 1,788 grant-funded spay and neuter surgeries for owned pets of economically struggling families living in the following zip codes: 21201, 21202, 21205, 21206, 21213, 21215, 21216, 21217, 21218, 21223, 21224, 21225, 21229, and 21231. It is the goal of this project to reduce the number of pets that enter our shelter, to keep pets in their homes, and to help create healthy communities.

Project Description:

The Maryland SPCA takes life-saving measures to give unwanted pets in our care every opportunity to find a new, loving home. We are proud of our live-release rate for 2024, which demonstrates our commitment to this goal. The Maryland Department of Agriculture's support of our free spay and neuter program contributed substantially to the more than 6,206 surgeries performed in our Spay and Neuter Clinic in 2024 and remains one of our most sought-out services. In 2024, with support from the MDA, the MD SPCA provided 1,788 free Spay/Neuter services to residents from 14 Baltimore City zip codes: 21201, 21202, 21205, 21206, 21213, 21215, 21216, 21217, 21218, 21223, 21224, 21225, 21229, and 21231.

Summary of Approach:

The Maryland SPCA has a proven track record of promoting our spay and neuter services in underserved neighborhoods. In 2024, we distributed flyers within targeted neighborhoods, particularly through our mobile PAW (Prevention and Wellness) Plus clinics. As needed, qualifying PAW Plus clients were scheduled for spay and neuter services when they visited one of the 12 clinic events. In addition to our outreach efforts, we seek supplemental funding each year to have a greater impact through our free spay and neuter program. Between MDA's support and additional funding, we completed a total of 6,206 surgeries in 2024.

Accomplishments:

We successfully met our revised grant deliverables. With email approval from Jen Swanson on June 17, 2024, we completed an additional 116 dogs for a total of 392 dogs and used the remaining funds to complete 1,396 cats instead of 1,600. Thank you, Maryland Department of Agriculture, for your continued support of our spay and neuter initiatives.



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Lessons Learned:

The increasing demand for free spay and neuter surgeries consistently exceeds available funding. Despite supplementing funding from the Department of Agriculture with “Spay-it-Forward” funds, the MD SPCA is unable to fully meet the needs of the public. We will continue prospect research to find additional funds to supplement MDA grant.

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