



Talbot Humane
Spay/Neuter Midshore 24

Project #
24-9027

Date of Report: 1/9/2025

Project Focus: Owned Pets

County(ies) Serviced: Dorchester County, Talbot County

Total Number of Cats Spayed: 314

Total Number of Cats Neutered: 269

Total Number of Dogs Spayed: 79

Total Number of Dogs Neutered: 63

Total Number of Surgeries: 725

Amount Received: \$56,000.00 **Amount Spent:** \$56,000.00 **Amount Remaining (to be returned):** \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

2024 celebrated Talbot Humane's 20th anniversary of our public spay/neuter program. Spay Neuter Midshore is our free and low cost program of which MDA has generously assisted in the funding of the no-cost surgery portion of the program.

Project Description:

SN Midshore 2024 set out to provide free spay/neuter surgeries to 600 dogs and cats within Talbot and Dorchester Counties in MD. We were successful in providing 725 free surgeries with the funds provided and overall our program provided more than 800 free or subsidized privately owned pets spayed or neutered within the counties.

Summary of Approach:

This program is appointment based. Residents contact our office either via phone or email, and provide their information. Our spay/neuter coordinator validates their eligibility for either free or low cost services and then schedules them for Thursday surgeries. For the past 2+ years we have been scheduling at least 3 months in advance for basic surgeries due to demand and veterinary availability. If there are animals with other medical complications we have the ability to schedule them sooner as to prevent the animal from suffering or other complications from occurring. The animals are vaccinated, altered and if needed or requested provided other services such as FeLV/FIV testing, heartworm testing, microchipping, nail trimming, ear cleaning, wound care, pain management to name a few.

Accomplishments:

As stated above, we are pleased with the results of this year's program. Providing services to more than 800 animals owned by residents of Talbot and Dorchester Counties. Within this population approximately 30% of the animals were in need of above and beyond care which they receive at the time of surgery or Talbot Humane made arrangements for follow up care.



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Lessons Learned:

Even with a program which has run successfully for this long, we continue to look at ways to improve. We have updated some of our internal P&P to streamline the process for pet owners, as well as finding ways to assist those living in far lying areas with transportation. We are continuing to have conversations with pet owners about their "bandwidth" as it applies to the number of pets in their care.

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