



Baltimore County Animal Services

Trap, Neuter, Return Project (TNRP IV)

Project #
24-9040

Date of Report: 1/8/2025

Project Focus: Feral Cats

County(ies) Serviced: Baltimore County

Total Number of Cats Spayed: 718

Total Number of Cats Neutered: 482

Total Number of Surgeries: 1,200

Amount Received: \$48,000.00 **Amount Spent:** \$48,000.00 **Amount Remaining (to be returned):** \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

We utilized grant funds to complete 1200 total TNR surgeries. Cats TNR'd under this grant were brought to our clinics by public trappers/caregivers, or trapped by our staff. They were then returned to the same location where they were caught, after they recovered.

Project Description:

We offered FREE TNR appointments at both of our surgery clinics located in Dundalk and Baldwin, Maryland, to provide convenient options for our clientele. Our TNR surgery package was offered to all zip codes/clients within Baltimore County (our jurisdiction). The surgery package includes: spay/neuter, rabies vaccine, FVRCP vaccine, ear tipping, microchip insertion, tattoo on the abdomen and vet exam under sedation.

Summary of Approach:

Our TNR Coordinator communicated with clients to schedule appointments, to educate on best practices (including offering trap loans), to mediate complaints and whatever else was needed to increase the success of the program. Trapping was provided by our staff for some larger colonies throughout the year to quickly put a stop to reproduction among the adults and reduce colony sizes by removing adoptable young kittens to place in our foster program. At both of our clinics, we had assistance from a network of volunteers that help daily in our surgery rooms. We also evaluated cats impounded to our shelter as strays, and TNR'd any cats with behavioral concerns (or that were known to be colony cats), that had a return location close to where they were found.

Accomplishments:

*1200 TNR surgeries completed over 5 quarters. 718 spays and 482 neuters. *311 new caregivers/participants registered with our TNR program. *3 larger scale TNR events. *Our trap loan program provided equipment to clients who do not have their own cages. *Offering open drop off days, mostly Mondays and Tuesdays, at our Dundalk location to allow trappers to bring larger quantities of cats without requiring an appointment.



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Lessons Learned:

Quarters 3 and 4 were our busiest under this grant (April - September 2024). During the next grant cycle, we will focus more on trapping and larger TNR surgery events during those quarters. Offering open drop off was welcomed by our community of trappers/caregivers, and greatly increased our surgery numbers at our Dundalk clinic over time.

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