



Last Chance Animal Rescue
TNR in Two Heights and Two Hills and The Fort

Project #
24-9042

Date of Report: 4/14/25

Project Focus: Feral Cats

County(ies) Serviced: Prince George's County

Total Number of Cats Spayed: 150

Total Number of Cats Neutered: 150

Total Number of Surgeries: 300

Amount Received: \$24,000.00 **Amount Spent:** \$24,000.00 **Amount Remaining (to be returned):** \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

This grant funded a targeted spay/neuter initiative aimed at reducing pet overpopulation and supporting community-based animal welfare efforts across five towns in Prince George's County, Maryland: Capitol Heights, District Heights, Temple Hills, Oxon Hill, and Fort Washington.

Objectives:

- Provide no-cost spay/neuter services to residents in the identified towns.
- Support local trappers in conducting humane Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) operations for feral cat colonies across ten zip codes within these areas.
- Reduce the number of unsterilized community cats, ultimately decreasing shelter intake and euthanasia rates.

Activities and Accomplishments:

- Collaborated with local animal advocates and trappers to facilitate TNR of feral cats, ensuring humane care and stable community cat populations.
 - Provided logistical support, transportation, and recovery care as needed to ensure safe and effective sterilization procedures.
- Impact:**
- Feral cat colonies were humanely managed and stabilized through TNR in ten zip codes, reducing the number of intact, free-roaming cats.
 - The project strengthened community engagement and fostered partnerships among residents, volunteers, and local animal control.

Project Description:

The purpose of this grant is to provide spay/neuter services to the citizens in five towns in Prince Georges County: Capital Heights, District Heights, Temple Hills, Oxen Hill and Fort Washington. These 5 towns, encompassing 10 zip codes, are producers of more complaints and more cat issues that need to be addresses by Animal Control and additionally for the number of other citizen complaints and the number of stray and feral cats.

Summary of Approach:

When a request is identified we collaborate with animal control and local volunteers to address and mitigate the issue in a humane and informed way. For cases involving unaltered adult cats or kittens, we prioritize immediate intervention to prevent further breeding and reduce potential shelter intake. We determine the most appropriate course of action based on the size and composition of the colony. Caretakers are required to complete a Permission to Enter Property form to



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allow legal access for trapping. We prioritize larger colonies over isolated individuals, focusing our resources where they will have the greatest impact. We maintain guaranteed spay/neuter appointments through Paw Prints Animal Hospital in Waldorf and The Spay Spot. Cats are held by volunteers the night before surgery and for at least one night post-operatively to ensure a safe recovery. During their time in our care, all cats are vaccinated, and any injuries or medical conditions are treated prior to return.

Accomplishments:

We altered 300 community cats preventing hundreds if not thousands of cats and kittens from entering the shelter.

Lessons Learned:

We have learned the need is always greater than what we anticipate.

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