



Forgotten Cats Wicomico County TNVR

Project #
24-9086B

Date of Report: 4/14/25

Project Focus: Feral Cat

County(ies) Serviced: Wicomico

Total Number of Cats Spayed: 507

Total Number of Cats Neutered: 493

Total Number of Surgeries: 1,000

Amount Received: \$50,000.00 **Amount Spent:** \$50,000.00 **Amount Remaining (to be returned):** \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

This grant request committed to TNVR 1000 cats residing in the cities of Salisbury (zip codes 21801 & 21804), Willards, Fruitland, Pittsville, Delmar, Mardela Springs, and Parsonsburg in Wicomico County. This project was completed February 2025 (2 months late). The consistent TNVR of free roaming cats in these areas has reduced the intake of community cats and euthanasia. Wicomico Humane Society has submitted letters of support to verify this. Due to our consistent TNVR of free roaming cats, colonies that we are trapping now are smaller in size. (3-5 cats as opposed to 15-20). This shows that our efforts of making people aware of our TNVR services has been successful! People are calling after the first litter as opposed to years later. This is a success!! But the downside is that it is more costly and time consuming to trap the same number of cats. Trapping 1 colony of 20 requires setting up traps, monitoring daily, transporting to and from from 1 location and requires much less time than trapping 5 colonies of 4 in 4 different locations sometimes several miles apart to catch the same number of cats. As a result, grants are not being completed as quickly as we normally do.

Project Description:

Forgotten Cats requested funding to provide TNVR services to 1,000 cats residing in the cities of Salisbury (zip codes 21801 & 21804), Willards, Fruitland, Pittsville, Delmar, Mardela Springs, and Parsonsburg in Wicomico County.

Summary of Approach:

This project was started immediately after the completion of our previous MDA grant which also funded TNVR in Wicomico County. Through our work in the area during previous projects, we began to receive regular requests for help and so we were able to TNVR colony after colony through a complaint-driven approach. After having an infrastructure in place with our resources, employees, and volunteers allowed us a quick and easy start. In order to stabilize each colony, we continuously trapped until ALL cats were caught. All cats were transported to one of our facilities where they were sterilized, vaccinated (FVRCP & Rabies), received flea and parasite treatment, ear-tipped, and provided additional medical care if required. Feral cats were released and friendly cats were placed for adoption.

Accomplishments:

It is estimated that every cat that is 5 months or older will produce 20 cats in 1 year between their offspring and their offspring's offspring. By sterilizing 1000 cats including 507 females we immediately prevented the birth of approximately 10,140 kittens the first year following the sterilization date. From that point the number of births prevented is exponential. Many of these kittens would have been relinquished to the Wicomico Humane Society. By preventing the birth of 10,140,



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we prevented thousands of kittens from going to Wicomico Humane Society. This keeps openings for owners to surrender their pets when they can no longer keep their cat. This prevents the owner from having to abandon their cat outside and reproduce thus reducing the homeless cat population. I believe we are finally seeing the results of mass sterilization of free roaming cats but there is definitely more to accomplish.

Lessons Learned:

We haven't learned anything new this quarter.

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