



## One Cat Matters (TNR) Project

Project #

25-10004

County: Caroline County

Number of Cats Spayed: 232

Number of Dogs Spayed:

Number of Cats Neutered: 208

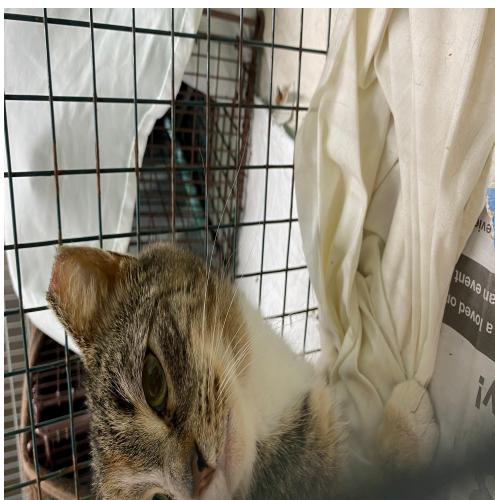
Number of Dogs Neutered:

Amount Received: \$34,610

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0

### Project Synopsis:

The One Cat Matters project is a county wide trap, neuter, return program that allows Caroline County residents to bring cats in for TNR at no cost.



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## **Project Description:**

The One Cat Matters project is a trap, neuter, return program for Caroline County residents. Anyone that has a community cat in need of TNR that lives in our county can utilize this program. It allows them to get these cats spayed or neutered and vaccinated at no cost to them. We partner with an offsite vet clinic to perform the surgeries and transport cats from our shelter to the clinic. Clients are able to drop off and pick up their cats at the shelter the day of surgery.

## **Summary of Approach:**

We have a set number of TNR appointments each week with our partner clinic. Clients are encouraged to call us to schedule appointments for their community cats. We have traps available for clients to rent if needed. Once scheduled, the clients bring the cats to the shelter the morning of surgery and we transport the cats to and from the clinic. When it comes to scheduling, we try to give spots to the same client/colony several weeks in a row to help them complete their trapping in a timely fashion. We find this often works well and allows us to assist with troubleshooting any hard to catch cats as we see the same clients a few times in a row.

## **Accomplishments:**

We were able to alter 440 total community cats from our county. Originally, the expected number was 395 but the overall cost of surgeries was slightly less than originally planned for. This allowed us to complete an additional number of surgeries which was very exciting.

## **Lessons Learned:**

Due to the increased number of surgeries, we found we had the ability to add additional TNR spots with a second clinic in the summer months. Normally, we often have clients miss appointments and end up sending less cats to the clinics than originally planned, which is normal for TNR. However, we found that with the additional spots, we were filling every spot week after week. It taught us that if we can increase our capacity for TNR in the summertime, we will have no trouble filling spots and be able to alter a larger number of cats.

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