



## The MD SPCA FY25 Free Spay/Neuter Program for Owned Pets

Project #

25-10013

County: Baltimore City

Number of Cats Spayed: 350

Number of Dogs Spayed: 75

Number of Cats Neutered: 450

Number of Dogs Neutered: 63

Amount Received: \$56,517

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

### Project Synopsis:

With the support of the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), the MD SPCA completed 938 grant-funded spay and neuter surgeries for owned pets of economically struggling families living in the following zip codes: 21201, 21202, 21205, 21206, 21213, 21215, 21216, 21217, 21218, 21223, 21224, 21225, 21229, and 21231. It is the goal of this project to reduce the number of pets that enter our shelter, to keep pets in their homes, and to help create healthy communities.



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## **Project Description:**

The Maryland SPCA takes life-saving measures to give unwanted pets in our care every opportunity to find a new, loving home. We are proud of our live-release rate for 2025, which demonstrates our commitment to this goal. The Maryland Department of Agriculture's support of our free spay and neuter program contributed substantially to the more than 6,100 surgeries performed in our Spay and Neuter Clinic in 2025 and remains one of our most sought-out services. In 2025, with support from the MDA, the MD SPCA provided 938 free Spay/Neuter services to residents from 14 Baltimore City zip codes: 21201, 21202, 21205, 21206, 21213, 21215, 21216, 21217, 21218, 21223, 21224, 21225, 21229, and 21231.

## **Summary of Approach:**

The Maryland SPCA has a proven track record of promoting our spay and neuter services in underserved neighborhoods. In 2025, we distributed flyers within targeted neighborhoods, particularly through our mobile PAW (Prevention and Wellness) Plus clinics. As needed, qualifying PAW Plus clients were scheduled for spay and neuter services when they visited one of the 8 clinic events. In addition to our outreach efforts, we seek supplemental funding each year to have a greater impact through our free spay and neuter program. Between MDA's support and additional funding, we completed a total of 6,100 surgeries in 2025.

## **Accomplishments:**

We successfully met our grant deliverables. The team at MD SPCA utilized all funding by the end of November 2025 with 938 pets spayed or neutered.. Thank you, Maryland Department of Agriculture, for your continued support of our spay and neuter initiatives.

## **Lessons Learned:**

The community's familiarity with our affordable and no-cost spay and neuter services remains high, yet the need for these programs has grown substantially—particularly as families face economic pressures, and escalating veterinary expenses. The federal layoffs in the Maryland & Washington D.C. area may have contributed to the increase in local need. Regrettably, requests for complimentary spay and neuter procedures continue to outpace our current financial resources. Even with supplementary support beyond the Department of Agriculture funding, the MD SPCA cannot fully address all community requests at this time. Our organization remains committed to identifying additional funding opportunities to expand program capacity. We are extremely grateful for the \$75,000 grant for 2026 and will continue to serve the MD communities and the MD Department of Agriculture with great integrity and stewardship.

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