



Spay/Neuter Midshore 2025

Project #

25-10027

County: Talbot County and Dorchester County

Number of Cats Spayed: 283

Number of Dogs Spayed: 101

Number of Cats Neutered: 278

Number of Dogs Neutered: 86

Amount Received: \$61,000

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

Spay Neuter Midshore is a component of Project Humane Communities focused on providing services to pets and their owners in Talbot and Dorchester Counties in MD. This program aims to serve low income pet owners in order to ensure their pets are spayed, neutered and properly vaccinated.



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Project Description:

The MDA portion of this program specifically targets pet owners who are considered low to no income in our community. We provide no cost surgery, rabies vaccinations and core vaccines to dogs and cats living within Talbot or Dorchester county.

Summary of Approach:

Talbot Humane's community spay neuter program has been in place since 2004. The MDA portion of this program allowed our organization to expand our services into Dorchester county which is an area of Maryland with limited resources for pets in general, and even more so for our at need community. Our clinic runs every Thursday through the year excluding holidays and when space allows we fill surgery spots on other days of the week as well. We average 25-30 animals per week through our clinic which also includes non-MDA paid surgeries and shelter pets. Residents register in advance and are provided a surgery date. The S/N coordinator communicates with the owners and the vet clinic on all needs to provide continuity of care. Talbot Humane provides assistance with any above and beyond care the veterinarian recommends as well as the cost of core vaccines (excluding rabies) and other needed supplies.

Accomplishments:

Thanks to private donations Talbot Humane was able to subsidize a greater portion of the dog spay and neuter surgeries, this allowed us to provide 98 more surgeries than our total target number even though our dog surgeries fell a bit short. In addition 125 animals received more intensive care. Some were as simple as fluids or flea and tick treatment, however several of these animals were able to receive tooth extractions, eye enucleations, repair of hernias, bloodwork and wound repair which these animals may not have received without being seen for the no-cost surgeries.

Lessons Learned:

We, like most all organizations in the state are still struggling with providing the services in a timely manner due to veterinary availability. We have built a few relationships this year with other veterinary practices in the area, specifically practices with new to the field veterinarians, who are providing a few spots a month for shelter pet spay/neuters where they can get the practice they need while providing a service to the shelter. We are hopeful this will result in a 5-10% increase in completed public surgeries for 2026.

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