



Prince Georges County Feral Cat TNVR

Project #

25-10042

County: Prince George's County

Number of Cats Spayed: 78

Number of Dogs Spayed:

Number of Cats Neutered: 98

Number of Dogs Neutered:

Amount Received: \$14,080

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

Project Synopsis:

This project has continued the ongoing Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) initiative focused on stabilizing and reducing the feral cat population within designated zip codes in Prince George's County, Maryland. Building on successful efforts from previous years, this grant has supported a coordinated, volunteer-driven approach to humanely manage community cat colonies through targeted spay/neuter and vaccination services.



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Project Description:

We anticipate continuing the current feral cat trap, neuter, vaccinate and return (TNVR) project in the proposed grant zip codes. Volunteers provide the traps, shelter the cats pre and post-surgery. Last Chance Animal Rescue (LCAR) provides a volunteer transporter and van for community cats and some owned cats as a free service to and from Spay Spot. We expect to trap on average 20 cats per week for the proposed zip codes. The community cats will receive spay/neuter, ear tip, tattoo and a rabies vaccine in the grant package. These community cats live in residential single family home communities, apartment community areas, strip malls, and industrial areas in the grant zip codes. Volunteers have trapped in all of these areas. Volunteers also respond to complaints from residents that Prince George's Animal Services Division (PGASD) refers to the volunteers and from the Prince George's Return to Field (RTF) program. We also use flyers that are distributed in residential communities to identify colonies and feeders. The flyer approach has been very successful. We also receive referrals from our partner TNR groups that trap in PG County through ongoing collaboration.

Summary of Approach:

Our volunteers respond to TNR requests and referrals from the Prince George's Animal Services Division (PGASD), including calls redirected from the Prince George's Return to Field (RTF) program. Additionally, we actively engage the public through flyer campaigns in residential neighborhoods to locate feeders and unreported colonies—a strategy that has proven highly effective. Further referrals come through ongoing partnerships with local TNR organizations that trap in Prince George's County, and through the PG Community Cat Alliance website. These networks have broadened our reach and enhanced community participation.

Accomplishments:

This accomplishment represents a significant reduction in potential future litters, helping to stabilize local community cat populations and reduce intake pressure on area shelters. It also reflects the dedication of our volunteers, the strength of our partnerships, and the effectiveness of our outreach methods—including collaboration with PGASD, flyer distribution, and coordination with local TNR groups.

Lessons Learned:

Lessons Learned Over the course of implementing our TNVR program, several key lessons have become clear: The Need Is Always Greater Than Anticipated Despite careful planning and community engagement, the volume of requests for assistance consistently exceeds our projections. Each neighborhood and zip code reveals more colonies than expected, and the number of unaltered cats is often significantly underestimated. There Is Never Enough Funding Financial constraints remain a persistent challenge. The costs of surgeries, vaccines, supplies, transportation, and emergency medical care add up quickly—especially when operating at the scale required to make a meaningful impact. Continued and expanded funding is critical to meet demand and maintain momentum. Always Expect More Traps Than Planned In many cases, trapping efforts result in more cats than anticipated—particularly in densely populated areas or neglected colonies. Volunteers must be prepared with additional traps and carriers.

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