



Feral Cat Focused - TNR Program

Project #

25-10092

County: Frederick County

Number of Cats Spayed: 35

Number of Dogs Spayed:

Number of Cats Neutered: 41

Number of Dogs Neutered:

Amount Received: \$5,467

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

Project Synopsis:

We continued our successful Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program, which remains the only free TNR program in Frederick County, MD.

February Star Sanctuary's target areas were Knoxville, MD and Brunswick, MD. Our goal was to assist in the humane control of the growing community cat population in Frederick County, Maryland through spaying and neutering efforts, vaccine administration, FIV/FelV testing, ear-tipping and returning, rehoming and/or providing sanctuary to community cats. We achieved our goal and provided spay/neuter surgeries and rabies vaccines to 76 community cats.



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Project Description:

Our project allowed us to facilitate the humane control of the community cat population in Frederick County, through spaying and neutering efforts, vaccine administration, FIV/FeLV testing, ear-tipping and returning, rehoming and/or providing sanctuary to community cats. We helped 76 cats stay out of local shelters and avoid euthanasia, while also making sure they can no longer contribute to our local community cat overpopulation crisis. Many cats were returned to the community and those that were not well enough are receiving permanent housing at our sanctuary. Additionally, we spread awareness of our program and educated pet owners on responsible ownership.

Summary of Approach:

In order to achieve our goal in helping 76 cats, we enlisted several volunteers who assisted in setting traps in the community on a bimonthly basis, as well as transportation of cats to and from their location. Our veterinarians conducted the surgeries, vaccine administration and all necessary medical care. All cats received the care and supplies they needed (e.g., food). Many cats were able to be returned to their community and those that weren't are continuing to receive housing and care at our sanctuary. Also, we hosted programs to educate local pet owners on responsible care and ownership in hopes of establishing a better future for all cats in our area. Additionally, we marketed our program via our website, social media, emails, newsletters, print material and community events.

Accomplishments:

We achieved our goal of helping 76 cats by the end of the third quarter. A total of 35 spays and 41 neuters were performed in addition to 76 rabies vaccines.

Lessons Learned:

As expected, the spring and summer proved to be the busiest times of year. They were so busy, that we actually used all funds received by the end of the third quarter of the project. There may indeed be a greater need for our services than even we previously thought.

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