



A Cat's Life Rescue Prince George's County TNR Program Expansion "Spay It, Don't Spray It"

Project #

25-10094

County: Prince George's County

Number of Cats Spayed: 151

Number of Dogs Spayed:

Number of Cats Neutered: 139

Number of Dogs Neutered:

Amount Received: \$21,750

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

Project Synopsis:

A Cat's Life Rescue (ACLR) spayed, neutered, and vaccinated 290 cats in Bladensburg, Riverdale, Hyattsville, Clinton, and Upper Marlboro as part of their "Spay It, Don't Spray It" program. TNR was conducted by trained volunteers.



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Project Description:

ACLR's program "Spay It, Don't Spray It" provided TNR services to the neighborhoods of Bladensburg, Riverdale, Upper Marlboro, Clinton, and Hyattsville, focusing specifically on the zip codes of 20710, 20735, 20737, 20772, 20774, 20781, 20782, 20783, and 20784. The FY24 program expanded to 3 additional zipcodes of Hyattsville (20782, 20783, 20784) based on the preponderance of requests from this region. After identifying colonies within these regions, volunteers contacted feeders, set traps, transported trapped cats to clinic, and released them back to their colonies. ACLR's grant funded 290 spays/neuters and rabies vaccines, which altogether cost \$75 per cat.

Summary of Approach:

ACLR's "Spay It, Don't Spray It" program offered an accessible process for the spay/neuter of community cats at our twice or thrice weekly clinics. All cats were evaluated initially by ACLR volunteers, then again by Program Director, Niki Cochran. Friendly cats or kittens under 10 weeks old were placed in ACLR's foster program to be made eligible for adoption. In instances where cats were injured and needed long-term care, ACLR's foster volunteers provided a space for the cat to recover.

Accomplishments:

Within the first two quarters of the program, ACLR successfully spayed, neutered, and vaccinated 290 cats in our targeted region, including 98 from our new zipcodes of 20782, 20783, and 20784. In those six months, ACLR TNRed an additional 130 cats in the targeted region, for which additional funds needed to be raised.

Lessons Learned:

We again learned that our evaluation of our target areas and their need for TNR was accurate. We realize we can have the greatest impact on Prince George's County's outdoor cat population by focusing our resources on the communities in the northwest region of the county (namely, Hyattsville) as well as Upper Marlboro. Unfortunately, our surgery costs remain at approximately \$75 per cat, and our grant funds covered 290 cats as a result.

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