



Stop Over-Population and Suffering (SOPAS) Snip Tuck Inc.

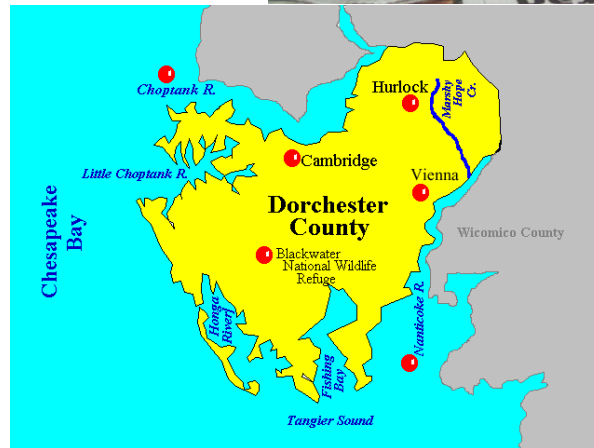
Project #
16-126

County: Dorchester

Number of Cats Spayed:	232	Number of Dogs Spayed:	0
Number of Cats Neutered:	223	Number of Dogs Neutered:	0
Amount Received: \$8046.00		Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA):	0

Project Synopsis:

This grant enabled us to sterilize a total of 455 cats in Dorchester County target areas.



Project Description:

We are a 501©3 located in Secretary, Dorchester County MD, dedicated to reducing feline overpopulation through spaying & neutering on the Delmarva Peninsula. Our project focused on 34 known feral colonies in Dorchester County - Cambridge, Vienna, Toddville, Crepo, Lakes & Straights, Thomas, Linkwood, Hurlock, Secretary, and New Market. All areas are low income. Colonies are tended to by our partner, Kitty City Rescue. We aimed at reducing the number of cat intakes to Kitty City Rescue and Baywater Rescue, both located in Dorchester County. We aimed at fixing 450 ferals within a year's time, starting 12/01/15. We had to extend our time frame to April 30, 2017.



Summary of Approach:

We held our normal monthly clinics, as well as held special clinics for these feral cats. Our partner in this project spread the word amongst colony caregivers, as well as it was announced at each clinic. It took us longer than expected to accomplish our goals due to weather, trapping issues, not enough volunteers, etc. We eventually met our goal.

Accomplishments:

We spayed/neutered 455 cats, reducing the number of kittens/cats intake in Dorchester County, as well as improved the lives of those cats. I don't know how we could have stretched our dollars more. We only allotted \$17.88 per cat. We are blessed that our staff is mostly volunteer, which helped keep expenses low.

Lessons Learned:

For our next project, I would use a more systematic and organized approach to accomplish goals in a more timely manner. We had issues with not enough volunteers to work the clinics and trap cats.

Attachments:

List of volunteers, area, and number of cats altered is attached.

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