



FERAL CAT/KITTEN INITIATIVE

Project #
FY17-209

County: Kent

Number of Cats Spayed:	113	Number of Dogs Spayed:	0
Number of Cats Neutered:	97	Number of Dogs Neutered:	0
Amount Received: \$9,020	Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$35.25		

Project Synopsis:

This project provided spay/neuter services to 210 cats in several colonies in Chestertown, Betterton, Rock Hall, Worton and Kennedyville.



Project Description:

The Humane Society of Kent County, Maryland is a small, rural animal shelter established in 1962. Our grant covered the period of 10/1/2016 through 11/15/2017. The purpose of our project was to reduce the number of cats and kittens that enter the shelter by promoting spay/neuter services for feral cats. Our targeted areas were farms and other locations which had a large population of feral cats as reported by animal control or county residents. Our goal was to spay/neuter approximately 110 cats/kittens and we actually spayed/neutered 210 cats/kittens.

Summary of Approach:

At the beginning of the period, a location was selected and traps were set by animal control officers and a volunteer. Trapped cats were transported to a veterinarian where they were spayed/neutered and vaccinated. After a recovery period, the cats were released to the location where they were trapped. Most information about which location to choose came from the animal control officers who interviewed residents of certain communities. When one location was completed, another location was selected. This process continued over the duration of the grant.

Accomplishments:

We are very pleased that we were able to spay/neuter twice the number of animals than originally planned. Our goal was 110 animals and we actually spayed/neutered 210. We were able to locate a vet who charged a cheaper rate than what was in the original budget. This year we brought 135 fewer kittens into the shelter than last year and we believe it can be attributed to our aggressive spay/neuter effort. We also, through neighborhood discussions, were able to help people understand the importance of spay/neuter.



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Lessons Learned:

Our process went pretty much as planned and we encountered very few difficulties.

Attachments:

List of animals altered and receipts for traps purchased.

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