



# SPAY NEUTER MIDSHORE YEAR 2

Project #  
17-226

County: Talbot and Dorchester

Number of Cats Spayed:  
Number of Cats Neutered:

TC:114 DC:88  
TC:111 DC:81

Number of Dogs Spayed:  
Number of Dogs Neutered:

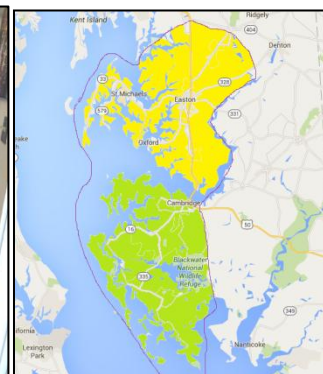
TC:74 DC:37  
TC 67 DC:40

Amount Received: \$41,105.00

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

### Project Synopsis:

Spay/Neuter Midshore provides no cost spay/neuter surgeries and vaccines to qualifying residents of Talbot and Dorchester counties in Maryland.



### Project Description:

Spay Neuter Midshore was created in order to provide no cost spay/neuter services to residents of Talbot and Dorchester Counties in MD. The program is an extension of Talbot Humane's Low/No cost spay neuter program which has been in place for more than 15 years. This is an expansion of the program to provide services fee free to qualifying residents and extend into Dorchester County where services for pet owners are lacking.

### Summary of Approach:

Spay/Neuter Midshore continues to be a beneficial and successful program in our community. Our partnerships with other agencies and organizations has proven to be a strong factor in reaching residents in need of assistance in order to provide information about the program. These partnerships include but are not limited to: Dorchester County Dog Control, Talbot County Social Services, Dorchester County Health Department, Talbot County Health Department, Baywater Animal Rescue and Caroline County Humane Society. We advertised in areas where the target population may frequent and used easy to grab postcards to leave in these locations. We used all attended community events to sign up potential pet owners and spread information and received advertising free of charge with several local outlets.

### Accomplishments:

We are pleased with the overall outcome of year 2 of the program.

1- Our feline surgeries continue to roll into 2018. The need is great and the community is responding well to the program.



2- We were able to assist residents with other pet related needs such as education on good nutrition, proper veterinary care and provide supplies and knowledge on crate training dogs and encouraging cats to stay indoors when not supervised. We were able to provide fee free microchips in November and December 2017 to all program participants. Our hope is to continue to offer this at different times throughout 2018 as well. Our intervention program is also assisting residents with behavioral issues and other conditions which all too often place companion animals at risk of being booted outside or surrendered to the shelter.

**Lessons Learned:**

While our ability to reach owners of felines excelled, we were surprised to see the number of dog owners lower than expected for the program. This shows the clear need to provide more education on the benefits of spay/neuter to dog owners as we promote the program. Due to this we are currently creating multiple forms of media to highlight the benefits of altering a companion dog and promote the fee-free program in the service areas for year 3 of Spay/Neuter Midshore.

**Attachments:**

spayneuter.midshore.17.ss.xlsx  
postard.pdf

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