



The PAWL Project(Prevent All Unwanted Litters)

Project #
15-18317

County: Cecil County

Number of Cats Spayed:	344	Number of Dogs Spayed:	62
Number of Cats Neutered:	121	Number of Dogs Neutered:	66
Amount Received: \$37,276.22		Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA):	0.00

Project Synopsis:

Cecil County Animal Services vision was to offer affordable sterilization services where pets need them the most: in low income communities where they could make a significant impact on shelter relinquishment rates and provide a compassionate and systematic solution to reduce economic euthanasia. As a result of the PAWL Project, they were able to provide free spay and neuter to 593 animals in our county.



Project Description:

CCAS' vision was to ensure that spay and neuter services are affordable and accessible to financially destitue pet owners and to create an environment in which the animal shelter is no longer forced to euthanize animals as a way of controlling pet population by offering free sterilizations to owned pets. Additionally, the goal was to decrease shelter intake as well.

Summary of Approach:

The intent of the PAWL initiative was to use every available tool to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats becoming strays, suffering from privation and death; often constituting a public nuisance and health hazard; and finally being impounded and put to death at great expense to the community. Since CCAS' inception in July 2016 to present day, CCAS averages 3,000 animals that are taken in each year. We knew free sterlization would be instrumental in accomplishing this challenge.We implored the assistance of local county agencies to distribute vouchers including the Cecil County Health Department, The Cecil County Public Library, The Elkton Senior Center, and The Cecil County Department of Housing.We also hosted several Outreach Events at locations around the community identified as being in a low income bracket.

Accomplishments:



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SPAY AND NEUTER GRANTS PROGRAM



As a result of the PAWL Project, we were able to provide free spay and neuter to 593 animals in our county as well as increase Rabies Vaccine compliance. We have also hosted several outreach events that allowed us to educate our community on the importance of spay and neuter and the plight of pet overpopulation.

Lessons Learned:

We have encountered many Pawl Project recipients who have failed to show up for their appointment which is a waste of precious resources. We have since implemented a formal "no call no show" policy . This has since seemed to improve this area of concern.

Attachments:

29 Report Pages

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