



Shadow Cats TNR, Inc.'s Targeted TNR in Harford County

Grant ID
FY23-8078
Feral Cat

County(ies) Served: Harford County

Date of Final Report: 4/4/2024

Number of Cats Spayed Total: 259

Number of Cats Neutered Total: 238

Total Number of Surgeries Completed: 497

Grant Amount Awarded: \$15,000.00

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

Project Synopsis:

This project focused on conducting TNR in two areas of Harford County (later expanded to include part of Baltimore County) with high concentrations of large colonies: the Route 40 corridor and rural north Harford.

Project Description:

This TNR project was directed at two target areas with known large colonies, focusing on community trapping wherever possible in order to maximize our effectiveness in population stabilization.

Summary of Approach:

We identified several major colony sites, planned community trapping weekends, and used signage to alert residents in the targeted areas. We also continued to reach potential clients by mounting lawn signs throughout the county, expanding our social media presence, and participating at community events where we had information tables every month from May through October 2023.

Accomplishments:

Our goal was to complete at least 300 spay/neuter surgeries of community cats within the targeted areas. Using our lowest cost provider whenever possible, we were able to increase that number by 65%. An approved expansion of our target area to help within Baltimore County, where trappers asked for assistance, gave us wider reach and further advertised our services in locations needing help.

Lessons Learned:

Overall, the community trappings, though time-consuming and manpower intensive, went well due to early communication within the communities. We found that we had to provide several days notice for each outing, and we also offered low-cost pet spay and neuter in those communities, which helped us gain more cooperation and trust than in previous efforts.



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Project Photos:



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