



The PAWL Project (The Prevent All Unwanted Litters Project)

Project #
24-9073

County: MD

Number of Cats Spayed: 214

Number of Dogs Spayed: 85

Number of Cats Neutered: 231

Number of Dogs Neutered: 105

Amount Received: \$37,095

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0

Project Synopsis:

The Pawl Project 2024 has successfully altered 635 animals since embarking on this year's free spay and neuter initiative. It has been our busiest and most successful year to date. While we have exhausted our grant funding resource, our work is not done and will continue through the remainder of 2024. With the steady increase in animals, our spay and neuter progress must continue despite monetary constraints.



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Project Description:

It is the vision of Cecil County Animal Services to address barriers to obtaining affordable sterilization services for individuals and families in low income communities where they can make a significant impact on shelter relinquishment rates, stray intakes and provide a compassionate and systematic solution to reduce economic euthanasia. Cecil County Animal Services seeks to ensure that spay and neuter services are affordable and accessible to financially destitute pet owners and to foster an environment in which animal shelters no longer euthanize animals as a means of controlling pet populations. The PAWL Project will host clinics offering free spay and neuter services and rabies vaccinations to low-income individuals and families by targeting those identified as economically disadvantaged. This will be achieved by targeted marketing and collaborative partnerships. Outreach and referral information will be created and given to all identified partner agencies to distribute to clientele served by those organizations. In addition, CCAS intends to utilize existing Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standards to confirm eligibility following referral of the individual or fa

Summary of Approach:

This year we primarily focused our marketing and outreach efforts through one of our greatest resources, our Animal Welfare Enforcement team. In doing so, we have been able to target the audiences that need us the most. In doing so we have been able to offer other resources such as free food, dog beds, leash and collars, and free microchipping.

Accomplishments:

We have exceeded the number the original numbers of surgeries as outlined in our grant as well as been able to tie in and offer other Resorces to our Pawl Project recipients to set them up for success as pet owners and in a better position to keep and commit to their pets.



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Lessons Learned:

This year we faced a number of no shows which we resolved by offering Transportation the day of surgery. We also had a few clients dogs break with kennel cough post surgery. As a result, staff are not to schedule any dogs for surgical procedures at CCAS when we have any suspected cases of Kennel cough. In addition, making sure Pawl Project dogs have a completely segregated area from shelter dogs.

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