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This report details the activities and accomplishments of each element pertaining to the Maryland Spay and Neuter Grants Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, covering July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This report should be read in full, for complete context.

The end of FY22 marks the close of the eighth year of funding for the Spay and Neuter Grants Program. As of June 30, 2022, the program has funded 216 projects that have provided 95,558 spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and cats of low-income families, as well as community cat programs.

Nathaniel Boan was promoted from the role of Spay and Neuter Grants Program Coordinator to the role of Executive Director of the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in January 2022, and from that point until May 31, 2022, was working in both capacities. On June 1, 2022, Jen Swanson assumed the role of Program Coordinator. Formerly, Jen served as the Executive Director for the Baltimore Humane Society from 2011-2015, and for The Humane Society of Harford County from 2015-2022. Jen's background also includes working in various capacities from 2001-2010 in Baltimore City.

With this change, the program moved from the oversight of the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Marketing Director to the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. This change means that Nathaniel Boan will serve as Jen Swanson's direct supervisor.

The Spay and Neuter Advisory Board (SNAB) saw a couple changes in FY22, with outgoing veterinarian Dr. Tracy Stuller, and incoming veterinarian, Dr. Michelle Quigley. Dr. Quigley is a small animal veterinarian, working at a private practice in Charles County.

A significant accomplishment in FY22 was launching the One Stop portal for the program to begin accepting grant applications, quarterly and final grant reports, quarterly shelter surveys, etc. electronically, using webforms. Development started in FY21, and the project was completed in FY22, in time for grant seekers to begin using it in January 2022, to submit their FY23 applications. Having this portal allows for easier data gathering and sharing, increases program efficiency, and reduces the use of resources (paper, toner, etc.) resulting in cost-savings to the program and applicants/grantees.

During the 2022 legislative session, Senate Bill 206, an MDA departmental bill, was signed into law by Governor Larry Hogan. SB 206 extends the Spay and Neuter Program for 10 years, until September 30, 2032. Former program coordinator Nathaniel Boan, MDA Assistant Secretary Cassie Shirk, representatives from the Pet Food Industry, local and national animal welfare organizations, and other stakeholders testified favorably on both bills, and there was no unfavorable testimony. Both bills passed unanimously in their respective committees, and overwhelmingly in the General Assembly. This legislation requires MDA to provide a report to the General Assembly on or before



October 1, 2022 with a list of spay and neuter programs that do not receive funding from the Spay and Neuter Program, the market capacity for increasing the fees assessed on each brand or product name, a proposed fee structure that can be implemented over the next 5 to 10 years to enhance the revenue generated from feed registrants, and additional sources of revenue for the program. The legislation took effect on June 1, 2022.

During the 2021 legislative session, Senate Bill 103 established the *Task Force to Study Canine Breeding Facilities and Sourcing Standards*. Nathaniel Boan partnered with Cassie Shirk to provide staff support to the Task Force, which was charged with studying dog breeding facilities and online sales of dogs through breeding facilities. The Task Force met three times during FY22, beginning in July 2021, and a final report was submitted on December 3, 2021. The report outlines achievements over the past 20 years in combating substandard breeding practices, along with current efforts to address substandard canine breeding practices. Also, nongovernmental comprehensive standards for canine breeding were identified. Further, the Task Force recommended ways to align state breeding standards with those set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and any necessary legislative action necessary to meet those standards. The final report is available online and upon request.

In FY22, many projects and their partner veterinarians and agencies were still managing issues brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Supply shortages, cost increases and inflation (particularly cited by program managers were high gas prices, at the end of FY22), reduced volunteer hours due to health/safety concerns, staffing shortages in general, and more notably, the national veterinarian shortage, all combined to provide an incredibly challenging year. In addition, during FY22, shelters saw their intake and euthanasia numbers begin to increase as was expected, after a short-lived reprieve in FY20-21 during the first several months of the COVID-19 shutdowns. Thankfully, as of the close of calendar year (CY) 2021, they did not increase to pre-pandemic levels. Many shelters remained closed to the public either fully, or operated with limited hours, throughout FY22. However, our project managers and their teams remained vigilant, resourceful, and resilient; and continued to move their programs forward successfully, improving the quality of life for Maryland dogs, cats, and people in their communities.



GRANT PROPOSALS SELECTED

FY22 Funding Cycle:

For the FY22 funding cycle, the MDA received 36 applications with a combined request of \$1,214,547.80 for 20,568 surgeries. Of those 36 applications, 35 were approved; however, every organization that applied for a grant received funding for at least one of their programs. The total amount granted was \$850,318.68 for 14,446 surgeries. The grant application acceptance period opened on January 19, 2021 and closed on April 9, 2021. SNAB met virtually on August 11, 2021, and selected the following applications to recommend for funding. These recommendations were accepted by the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, Joseph Bartenfelder, on August 16, 2021.

The following table summarizes the funded applications. They are in order of ranking based on the average cumulative scores by the SNAB.

RANK	APPLYING ORGANIZATION	REF #	RECOMMENDED FUNDING	TARGET COUNTY
1	Baltimore Animal Rescue Care Shelter (BARCS) – Pet	7011	\$84,000.00	Baltimore City
This project will fund 1200 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Baltimore City.				
2	Talbot Humane – Pet	7027	\$31,530.00	Talbot & Dorchester
This project will fund 500 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Talbot and Dorchester counties.				
3	Rude Ranch - Pet	7001	\$38,467.00	Anne Arundel
This project will fund 595 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Anne Arundel County.				
4	Baltimore Animal Rescue Care Shelter (BARCS) – Feral	7012	\$63,000.00	Baltimore City
This project will fund 1800 spay and neuter surgeries of feral cats in Baltimore City.				
5	Forgotten Cats - Wicomico - Feral	7085-b	\$38,250.00	Wicomico County
This project will fund 900 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Wicomico County.				
6	Forgotten Cats – Worcester – Feral	7085-a	\$28,725.00	Worcester



RANK	APPLYING ORGANIZATION	REF #	RECOMMENDED FUNDING	TARGET COUNTY
This project will fund 676 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Worcester County.				
7	Maryland SPCA – Pet	7013	\$33,000.00	Baltimore City
This project will fund 600 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Baltimore City.				
8	Sunshine’s Friends - Pet	7049	\$20,494.70	Howard & Anne Arundel
This project will fund 318 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Howard and Anne Arundel counties.				
9	Shadow Cats TNR – Feral	7078	\$10,000.00	Harford
This project will fund 400 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Harford County.				
10	Humane Society of Wicomico County – Pet	7025	\$9,962.00	Wicomico
This project will fund 170 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Wicomico County.				
11	Worcester County Humane Society – Pet	7083	\$11,100.00	Worcester
This project will fund 168 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Worcester County.				
12	Sunshine’s Friends – Feral	7050	\$11,235.00	Howard & Anne Arundel
This project will fund 226 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Howard and Anne Arundel counties.				
13	Baltimore Humane – Pet	7005	\$31,500.00	Baltimore
This project will fund 380 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Baltimore County.				
14	Baywater Animal Rescue – Pet	7095	\$5,100.00	Dorchester
This project will fund 70 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Dorchester County.				
15	Tip Me Frederick – Feral	7038	\$31,170.88	Washington
This project will fund 596 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Washington County.				



RANK	APPLYING ORGANIZATION	REF #	RECOMMENDED FUNDING	TARGET COUNTY
16	Humane Society of Charles County - Feral	7016	\$32,842.50	Charles
This project will fund 525 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Charles County.				
17	Rude Ranch - Feral	7002	\$54,855.00	Anne Arundel
This project will fund 900 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Anne Arundel County.				
18	HART for Animals Inc. – Pet	7007	\$26,985.00	Garrett & Allegany
This project will fund 308 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Garrett and Allegany counties.				
19	A Cat’s Life Rescue – Feral	7094	\$13,600.00	Prince George’s
This project will fund 210 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Prince George’s County.				
20	Chesapeake Feline Association - Feral	7046	\$34,800.00	Cecil & Harford
This project will fund 600 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Cecil and Harford counties.				
21	Frederick County Humane Society – Pet	7087	\$23,085.00	Frederick
This project will fund 246 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Frederick County.				
22	Queen Anne’s County Animal Services – Pet	7099	\$8,500.00	Queen Anne’s
This project will fund 100 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Queen Anne’s County.				
23	Humane Society of Charles County - Pet	7015	\$46,695.00	Charles
This project will fund 601 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Charles County.				
24	Prince George’s County Animal Services – Pet	7019	\$15,109.20	Prince George’s
This project will fund 150 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Prince George’s County.				



RANK	APPLYING ORGANIZATION	REF #	RECOMMENDED FUNDING	TARGET COUNTY
25	St. Mary's Animal Welfare League (SMAWL) – Pet	7079	\$30,045.00	St. Mary's
This project will fund 255 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in St. Mary's County.				
26	SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's County – Pet	7017	\$17,930.00	Prince George's
This project will fund 192 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Prince George's County.				
27	Baltimore County Health Department – Feral	7040	\$24,000.00	Baltimore
This project will fund 600 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Baltimore County.				
28	Kent Humane – Pet	7057	\$8,550.00	Kent
This project will fund 70 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Kent County.				
29	Montgomery County Community Cat Coalition (MCC3) – Feral	7098	\$8,250.00	Montgomery
This project will fund 150 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Montgomery County.				
30	Laurel Cats – Feral	7010	\$16,587.00	Prince George's
This project will fund 260 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Prince George's County.				
31	Humane Society of Somerset County – Pet	7031	\$7,200.00	Somerset County
This project will fund 120 spay and neuter surgeries for pet cats of low income families in Somerset County.				
32	Cecil County Animal Services – Pet	7073	\$17,450.00	Cecil
This project will fund 280 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Cecil County.				



RANK	APPLYING ORGANIZATION	REF #	RECOMMENDED FUNDING	TARGET COUNTY
33	Beltsville Community Cats Inc. – Feral	7090	\$5,900.00	Prince George’s
This project will fund 80 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Prince George’s County.				
34	Caroline County Humane Society – Pet	7003	\$6,770.00	Caroline
This project will fund 117 spay and neuter surgeries for pets of low income families in Caroline County.				
36	February Star Sanctuary – Feral	7092	\$5,030.00	Frederick
This project will fund 83 spay and neuter surgeries for feral cats in Frederick County.				
Total Number of Proposed Spay/Neuter Procedures: 14,446			Total Amount Awarded: \$850,318.68	

Accomplishments for FY20 Funding Cycle Projects through FY22:

- All 30 of the approved projects have been launched.
- Twenty-nine of the 30 projects have been completed.
- Of the 29 completed projects, 22 projects (73% of the total projects) either met their target number of surgeries or exceeded their targets, five projects completed over 90% of their target surgeries, one project completed more than 85% of their target number of surgeries, and the lowest performing project completed 77% of their target surgeries.
- The one remaining active project received a grant extension until August 19, 2022 (FY23).
- As of the close of FY22, 15,256 of the 15,263 proposed spay/neuter surgeries (99.95%) have been completed.

Accomplishments for FY21 Funding Cycle Projects through FY22:

- All 29 of the approved projects have been launched.
- Twenty-eight of the 29 approved projects have been completed.
- Of the 28 completed projects, 24 projects (86% of the total projects) either met their target number of surgeries or exceeded their targets, and the other four projects completed 93% or more of their target surgeries.
- The one remaining active project received a grant extension into FY23.
- As of the close of FY22, 15,362 surgeries have been reported, exceeding the proposed 14,460 surgeries for this funding cycle (106%).

Accomplishments for FY22 Funding Cycle Projects:

- All 35 of the approved projects have been launched.



- Eight of the 35 approved projects have already been completed as of the date of this report.
- Of the eight completed projects, six projects (17% of the total projects) either met their target number of surgeries or exceeded their targets.
- As of the close of FY22, 6,816 of the 14,446 proposed spay/neuter surgeries (47%) have been completed.
- Staffing shortages in general, the national veterinarian shortage, increased costs for supplies, and other issues lingered throughout FY22 and into FY23, causing challenges for the program and grantees. The cost of gas at the end of FY22 was specifically cited by many organizations as it became very difficult to afford transportation of animals, and they saw decreased volunteer participation as a result, as well.

Goals for FY23:

- Conduct visits to as many programs as possible.
- Solicit applications for FY24 funding in January 2023.



NUMBER OF SPAY & NEUTER PROCEDURES PERFORMED TO DATE, BY GRANT

The list below gives the number of procedures completed by the grant recipients at the close of the fiscal year by projects funded in all funding cycles FY15 through FY22. Those projects shown in **BOLD** were still active at the close of FY22.

Fiscal Year and Project #	Grant Recipient	Procedures Completed as of FY22
FY15-004	Rude Ranch/Spay Spa Neuter Nook	471
FY15-010	Caroline County Humane Society	302
FY15-012	Baltimore Humane Society	407
FY15-013	HART for Animals	764
FY15-016	Laurel Cats	312
FY15-018	BARCS/MD SPCA	1,000
FY15-025	Humane Society of Charles Co.	192
FY15-32	SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's Co.	178
FY15-034	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	365
FY15-037	City of Greenbelt	383
FY15-039	ReLove Animals	118
FY15-045	Humane Society of Wicomico Co.	312
FY15-048	Talbot Humane	88
FY15-050	Charm City Companions	241
FY16-101	Rude Ranch/Spay Spa Neuter Nook	248
FY16-102	Humane Society of Somerset Co.	656
FY16-103	Humane Society of Charles Co.	378
FY16-104	HART for Animals	409
FY16-106	Caroline County Humane Society	342
FY16-107	Talbot Humane	703
FY16-108	Animal Welfare League of Queen Anne's Co.	143
FY16-109	Animal Welfare League of Montgomery Co.	72
FY16-111	Tip Me Frederick	600
FY16-113	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	1,116
FY16-117	Last Chance Animal Rescue	500
FY16-118	Allegany Co. Animal Shelter	119
FY16-119	Chesapeake Feline Association	357
FY16-121	MCPAW	363
FY16-122	BARCS/MD SPCA	1,250



FY16-125	Sunshine's Friends Cat and Dog Rescue	118
FY16-126	Snip Tuck	455
FY16-127	Charm City Companions	274
FY16-128	Sunshine's Friends Cat and Dog Rescue	164
FY17-201	Humane Society of Somerset Co./Rude Ranch	750
FY17-202	BARCS	3,000
FY17-203	Frederick Co. Animal Services	315
FY17-205	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	1,084
FY17-206	MCPAW	552
FY17-207	HART For Animals	510
FY17-208	Stepping Stone Animal Society	275
FY17-209	Humane Society of Kent Co.	210
FY17-210	Anne Arundel Co. Animal Services	151
FY17-213	Alley Cat Rescue	487
FY17-214	Feral Cat Rescue	303
FY17-215	Last Chance Animal Rescue	408
FY17-217	Charm City Companions	409
FY17-219	Humane Society of Charles Co.	329
FY17-220	Tip Me Frederick	562
FY17-221	Caroline Co. Humane Society	685
FY17-224	Laurel Cats	192
FY17-225	SPCA of Anne Arundel Co.	137
FY17-226	Talbot Humane	612
FY17-227	Chesapeake Feline Association	662
FY17-229	Humane Society of Carroll Co.	100
FY17-230	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	388
FY17-232	MDSPCA	1,299
FY17-234	Sunshine's Friends Dog & Cat Rescue	103
FY17-235	Sunshine's Friends Dog & Cat Rescue	131
FY18-301	Humane Society of Washington Co.	324
FY18-302	Humane Society of Wicomico Co.	328
FY18-305	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	1,284
FY18-307	Laurel Cats	265
FY18-308	BARCS	2,500
FY18-309	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	312
FY18-311	HART for Animals	503
FY18-312	Humane Society of Somerset Co./Rude Ranch	632
FY18-314	Bowie CLAW	245
FY18-315	Chesapeake Feline Association	645
FY18-316	Baltimore Humane Society	320



FY18-317	Cecil Co. Animal Services	593
FY18-318	Talbot Humane	736
FY18-319	MD SPCA	1,020
FY18-320	Tip Me Frederick	660
FY18-322	Last Chance Animal Rescue	602
FY18-323	Anne Arundel Co. Animal Services	316
FY18-324	Humane Society of Kent Co.	91
FY18-326	Humane Society Charles Co.	357
FY18-327	Humane Society Charles Co.	198
FY18-328	Chesapeake Charities/Tomcat Solutions	100
FY18-330	Best Friends in Harford County	341
FY18-332	Charm City Companions	457
FY18-333	Sunshine's Friends Cat and Dog Rescue	130
FY18-334	Sunshine's Friends Cat and Dog Rescue	156
FY18-335	Frederick Co. Animal Services	217
FY18-336	SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's Co.	514
FY18-337	St. Mary's Co. Animal Welfare League	504
FY19-401	HART for Animals	436
FY19-402	Caroline Co. Humane Society	270
FY19-403	Alley Cat Rescue	782
FY19-404	Humane Society of Somerset Co./Rude Ranch	589
FY19-405	Rude Ranch	819
FY19-408	Southern Maryland Spay and Neuter	39
FY19-409	Talbot Humane	467
FY19-410	Humane Society of Washington Co.	139
FY19-411	Anne Arundel Co. Animal Services	213
FY19-412	BARCS	2,375
FY19-413	Frederick Co. Humane Society	205
FY19-414	Feral Cat Rescue	220
FY19-415	Baltimore Humane Society	393
FY19-416	MD SPCA	1,016
FY19-417	Chesapeake Charities/Tomcat Solutions	202
FY19-418	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	1,988
FY19-419	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	482
FY19-420	Bowie CLAW	188
FY19-421	Last Chance Animal Rescue	570
FY19-422	MCPAW	208
FY19-423	Humane Society of Charles Co.	193
FY19-424	Chesapeake Feline Association	341
FY19-425	Snip Tuck	240



FY19-426	Tip Me Frederick	566
FY19-427	Cecil Co. Animal Services	372
FY19-428	Frederick Co. Animal Services	130
FY19-429	Worcester Co. Humane Society	221
FY19-430	Forgotten Cats	733
FY19-431	St. Mary's Animal Welfare League	425
FY19-432	Charm City Companions	474
FY19-433	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	280
FY19-434	Animal Welfare League of Queen Anne's Co.	136
FY19-436	SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's Co.	368
FY19-437	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	180
FY19-438	Laurel Cats	241
FY19-439	Best Friends in Harford County	439
FY20-503	Alley Cat Rescue	926
FY20-504	Humane Society of Somerset Co.	116
FY20-505	Rude Ranch/Spay Spa Neuter Nook	666
FY20-506	Rude Ranch/Spay Spa Neuter Nook	1,200
FY20-507	HART for Animals	358
FY20-509	Talbot Humane	397
FY20-511	BARCS	732
FY20-512	BARCS	2,500
FY20-513	Frederick Co. Humane Society	284
FY20-515	Baltimore Humane Society	361
FY20-516	MD SPCA	984
FY20-521	Last Chance Animal Rescue	450
FY20-522	MCPAW	103
FY20-524	Chesapeake Feline Association	795
FY20-526	Tip Me Frederick	606
FY20-527	Cecil Co. Animal Services	439
FY20-528	Forgotten Cats – Salisbury Co.	547
FY20-529	Worcester Co. Humane Society	102
FY20-530	Forgotten Cats – Worcester Co.	745
FY20-531	SMAWL	303
FY20-532	Charm City Companions	222
FY20-533	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	333
FY20-535	Saving Future Feral Cats	99
FY20-536	SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's Co.	409
FY20-537	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	252
FY20-538	Laurel Cats	159
FY20-539	Best Friends in Harford County	380



FY20-540	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	371
FY20-542	Anne Arundel Co. Animal Services	116
FY20-543	Anne Arundel Co. SPCA	81
FY21-601	The Humane Society of Charles Co.	368
FY21-602	Caroline Co. Humane Society	107
FY21-604	Humane Society of Somerset Co.	412
FY21-606	Rude Ranch/Spay Spa Neuter Nook	1,205
FY21-608	A Cat's Life	105
FY21-609	Talbot Humane	831
FY21-611	BARCS	1,080
FY21-612	BARCS	2,000
FY21-616	MD SPCA	1,135
FY21-618	Queen Anne's Co. Animal Services	60
FY21-619	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	678
FY21-621	Last Chance Animal Rescue	450
FY21-623	Humane Society of Charles Co.	517
FY21-624	Chesapeake Feline Association	710
FY21-625	Snip Tuck	300
FY21-626	Tip Me Frederick	715
FY21-627	Cecil Co. Animal Services	408
FY21-628	Forgotten Cats – Wicomico Co.	992
FY21-629	Worcester Co. Humane Society	76
FY21-630	Forgotten Cats – Worcester Co.	739
FY21-631	SMAWL	304
FY21-633	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	265
FY21-634	MCC3	166
FY21-636	SPCA/Humane Society of Prince George's Co.	378
FY21-637	Sunshine's Friends Dog and Cat Rescue	253
FY21-638	Laurel Cats	343
FY21-639	Best Friends in Harford Co. (Shadow Cats TNR)	360
FY21-640	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	262
FY21-641	Anne Arundel Co. Animal Services	143
FY22-7001	Rude Ranch	346
FY22-7002	Rude Ranch	265
FY22-7003	Caroline Co. Humane Society	70
FY22-7005	Baltimore Humane Society	197
FY22-7007	HART for Animals	174
FY22-7010	Laurel Cats	220
FY22-7011	BARCS	207
FY22-7012	BARCS	346



FY22-7013	MD SPCA	447
FY22-7015	Humane Society of Charles Co.	32
FY22-7016	Humane Society of Charles Co.	166
FY22-7017	Prince George's Co. SPCA	223
FY22-7019	Prince George's Co. Animal Services	0
FY22-7025	Humane Society of Wicomico Co.	77
FY22-7027	Talbot Humane	385
FY22-7031	Humane Society of Somerset Co.	122
FY22-7038	Tip Me Frederick	296
FY22-7040	Baltimore Co. Animal Services	600
FY22-7046	Chesapeake Feline Association	262
FY22-7049	Sunshine's Friends Dog & Cat Rescue	319
FY22-7050	Sunshine's Friends Dog & Cat Rescue	226
FY22-7057	Kent Humane	48
FY22-7073	Cecil Co. Animal Services	167
FY22-7078	Shadow Cats TNR	97
FY22-7079	SMAWL	71
FY22-7083	Worcester Co. Humane Society	61
FY22-7085a	Forgotten Cats - Worcester	137
FY22-7085b	Forgotten Cats - Wicomico	459
FY22-7087	Frederick Co. Humane Society	171
FY22-7090	Beltsville Community Cats	104
FY22-7092	February Star Sanctuary	91
FY22-7094	A Cat's Life Rescue	197
FY22-7095	Baywater Animal Rescue	47
FY22-7098	MCC3	110
FY22-7099	Queen Anne's Co. Animal Services	76
Total Program		95,558

Accomplishments by Funding Cycle as of the Close of FY22:

- The cumulative target number of surgeries proposed by funded projects from all eight funding cycles thus far is 100,961 procedures. As of the end of the fiscal year, 95,558 or 94.6% of the total target number of surgeries were completed. This number includes the 29 active projects that are not yet complete.
- Of the completed projects (FY15 through FY19):
 - FY15 cycle resulted in 5,133 procedures out of the 5,340 cumulative target procedures (96.1%)
 - FY16 resulted in 8,267 procedures out of the 8,281 cumulative target procedures (99.8%)
 - FY17 resulted in 13,654 procedures out of the 12,863 cumulative target procedures (106.15%)



- o FY18 resulted in 14,350 procedures out of the 13,944 projected (102.9%)
- o FY19 resulted in 16,940 procedures out of the 16,364 projected (103.5%)
- Of the three funding cycles with active projects at the close of FY22:
 - o FY20 projects have completed 15,256 surgeries (99.95% of the 15,263 FY20 goal), with one project still active at the close of FY22.
 - o FY21 projects have completed 15,362 surgeries (106% of the 14,460 FY21 goal), with one project still active at the close of FY22.
 - o FY22 projects have completed 6,816 surgeries (47% of the 14,446 FY22 goal), with 27 projects still active at the close of FY22.

Goals for FY23:

- Close out the remaining active projects from FY20 and FY21.
- Continue managing the FY22 projects cycle.
- Fund as many projects as fully as possible from the pool of FY23 cycle applications, and manage the FY23 projects cycle.
- Provide oversight for all projects to ensure funds are dispersed to grantees as per each project schedule, that all reports and related project obligations are met, and to offer assistance and guidance to all project managers to help them reach or exceed their goals.



PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The following summarizes the outreach efforts put forth with regards to the Spay and Neuter Program during the fiscal year.

Accomplishments for FY22:

- SNAB met on August 11, 2021 to discuss funding for FY23 projects. This was the second time that the board met virtually, due to COVID-19. The meeting was advertised on the MDA website two weeks prior to the meeting date and distributed to the media by the MDA's Public Information Office. Attendees from the general public were welcome, but none were in attendance.
- Program announcements were made on the department's website, on MDA's social media accounts (Twitter and Facebook), and on the program webpage.
- The program webpage is located on the department's website and is the main repository for all documents, materials, and information relating to the Spay and Neuter Grants Program. The program coordinator updated this webpage with additional information and materials. In addition, other helpful materials and information were added to the webpage to benefit grantees and the general public. The program website was updated and reorganized with the addition of the One Stop Portal launch. There were 42,135 unique visits to the program website in FY22.
- While the program normally produces materials to advertise the program through giveaways at events and meetings, due to COVID-19 causing most public gatherings to be canceled, no materials were ordered in FY22 to be given away.
- Former program coordinator Nathaniel Boan attended the Maryland State Fair to promote the program, in 2021. Due to COVID-19, this was the only public event that the program was able to attend.
- A new program brochure was designed, and a small run of 500 was printed in June 2022.
- Each funded project performs outreach and education, not only about the services provided through their grants, but important general information about the need and benefits from the spay and neuter of owned pets and community cats, and where to find help, additional information, and resources.

Goals for FY23:

- Continue to promote the program through all media available, including a focus on messaging via MDA social media.
- Explore the creation of an educational webinar series, recorded and available on-demand on the Spay and Neuter website, covering topics relevant for grantees/potential grantees as well as the public.
- With COVID-19 restrictions mostly lifted, attend as many public events as possible, in partnership with grantees providing programs in the area, whenever possible.
- Look for new ideas and materials to promote the program to the public and potential applicants.



ADVISORY BOARD

The Maryland Secretary of Agriculture appointed the seven-member SNAB on November 7, 2013. The board was tasked to make recommendations on the program guidelines and regulations needed to implement the state's Spay and Neuter Fund and each cycle, make funding recommendations to the secretary.

Accomplishments for FY22:

- From the program's start in 2013 and each year following, the goal of the SNAB and MDA has been to make each element of the program the best it could be. Each year, materials are developed, updated, and improved.
- During July through August 2021, the board carefully reviewed all 36 grant applications for FY22 funding. In anticipation of the formal review meeting, which was held virtually on August 11, 2021, each reviewer conducted their independent evaluations, and provided them to the program coordinator. These scores were used to rank the 36 applications to facilitate the discussion and help the board formulate funding recommendations that were submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture.
- Dr. Tracy Stuller, DVM left the SNAB on October 19, 2021.
- Dr. Michelle Quigley, DVM joined the SNAB on December 15, 2021, fulfilling the role of Veterinarian on the Board.

Goals for FY23:

- Continue to strive for efficiency in the program and the processes.
- Continue to review and score FY23 grant applications, which have been under review since FY22.
- Hold annual meeting on August 11, 2022 to discuss and vote on formulating the funding recommendations to be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture.



DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM ELEMENTS AND MATERIALS

Accomplishments for FY22:

- In FY21, former program coordinator Nathaniel Boan began working with the Enovational team to develop a One Stop portal for the program, completely overhauling how data is gathered from grantees and animal shelters. The quarterly shelter survey and quarterly grant reporting area of the portal was launched first, in October 2021. The grant application portal was launched in time for the FY23 grant application cycle, and all applications were submitted via the new One Stop portal. Legacy data for both shelter statistics and prior grant cycles was imported into the One Stop system as well. In addition, grant agreements will also be processed through the One Stop portal. The portal has significantly enhanced the efficiency of the program thus far.
- In June 2022, new program coordinator Jen Swanson designed an updated tri-fold rack brochure for the program and ordered a short run of 500 brochures.

Goals for FY23:

- Conduct an annual review of all applications, reports, guidance, materials, website/webforms, and systems; update or improve as needed.
- Continue posting final reports from projects on the program's website as completed, update project list, and add missing reports not already on the website due to COVID-19.
- Continue to explore and develop new tools for applicants and project managers.
- Continue working with Enovational to fine tune the One Stop portal, and address any such issues as they may arise.



FEE COLLECTION

The program is funded from annual fees levied on manufacturers of all dog and cat feed and treats registered with the Maryland State Chemist Office. The following lists the accomplishments in fee collection during this period. By law, the program must invoice registrants for the annual fee during the first week of October, and payments, whether made immediately or any time subsequent to the invoice date, are good only until the following October. The registrants are asked to review the invoice and product list on which the fee was calculated. They were instructed to delete any products no longer sold in Maryland or did not meet the definition of “cat or dog feed or treat” or add any new products that may have been missing from the list.

Accomplishments during FY22:

- The program coordinator requested that Maryland Department of Information Technology (DoIT) generate the invoices and, based on what was received, on October 8, 2021 sent 234 invoices for Spay and Neuter Program fees to feed/treat manufacturers, based on product information from the State Chemist products registration database. Each invoice was sent via first class U.S. mail and included an explanatory letter, a list of products on which the invoice total was based, and instructions as to where to send the payment. The total number of products invoiced were 9,571 for a total of \$957,100.
- The program coordinator maintained a program fee spreadsheet that served as the main repository of fee remittance information. The coordinator maintained all paperwork pertaining to each paid invoice.
- The program coordinator sent a second notice on January 4, 2022, and a third notice via USPS certified mail on June 6, 2022 to delinquent accounts.
- From the 2021-2022 invoicing cycle, of the invoices sent, a total of \$901,500.00 was collected as of June 30, 2022.
- Of the invoices sent, 10 invoices were canceled because the companies were either out of business or no longer sold products in the state.
- As of the date of this report, 17 companies had not yet paid the invoice fee. The total amount of the open invoices is \$26,800.

Goals for FY23:

- The program coordinator is making a final attempt to collect the fees before submitting a list to the Central Collections Unit, and has been successful in contacting eight of the 17 companies, as of the date of this report.
- Pursuant to SB206/HB191 legislation, prepare and submit required reporting by October 1, 2022; and explore additional funding sources for the program.
- Update fee database as invoices are paid.
- Send out 2022-23 invoices by the first week of October 2022. The State Chemist’s Office recently changed database systems, and therefore the invoicing process may change.
- Continue to process and track fee payments (both new and delinquent) as they come in.
- Work with the State Chemist’s Office to help educate feed registrants and potential registrants about the Spay and Neuter Program and its fees.



SHELTER STATISTICS SURVEYS

As stipulated in SB 820, “beginning January 1, 2014, each county and municipal animal control shelter and each organization that contracts with a county or municipality for animal control shall report quarterly to the department on a form prescribed by the Department describing for the previous 3 months: (1) the number of cats and dogs taken in; (2) the number of cats and dogs disposed of, broken down by method of disposal, including euthanasia; and department describing for the previous 3 months.” The following details what the program coordinator did during this reporting period to meet this requirement.

Accomplishments for FY22:

- As of the date of this report, 31 facilities report shelter data to the department. Of these facilities, 27 are municipal animal services agencies or nonprofit animal shelters that receive partial county funding, and four are private non profit organizations that do not receive county funding.
- In FY21, former project coordinator Nathaniel Boan began working with the team at Enovational to develop a portal for the program on the One Stop system. In FY22 the project was completed, and agencies could begin reporting their quarterly surveys via the portal in October 2021.
- The program coordinator entered this data into a spreadsheet database by organization, and analyzed the data for the complete CY14-21. The program appears to be having a significantly positive impact on its targeted metrics of shelter intake and euthanasia. The following graphs show the calendar year data that has been collected.
- While agencies saw a significant decrease in the number of intakes and euthanasia at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, unfortunately during FY22, shelters across our state saw these numbers increase. This was expected, as we know that during COVID-19, shelter intake and euthanasia rates were unusually low.

Goals for FY23:

- Post any missing reports on the program website for each quarter of data submitted, up to and including the first two quarters of FY23.
- Create a trend analysis report to be posted on the Spay and Neuter Program website.

