

Final Grant Progress Report

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Maryland Department of Agriculture

Spay and Neuter Grants Program

Contact Information

Project Title

Pet Focused Project

Project Type

Pet Focused Application

Project #

21-623

Date of Report

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Organization Name and Address

Organization Name

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County

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Waldorf	Maryland	20604

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Budget Expenditures

Total Grant Awarded

\$39,040.00

Total Amount Spent

\$39,040.00

Amount Remaining

\$0.00

Surgery Information

Number of Cats Spayed

140

Number of Cats Neutered

133

Number of Dogs Spayed

123

Number of Dogs Neutered

121

Total Surgeries Proposed

520

Total Surgeries Completed

517

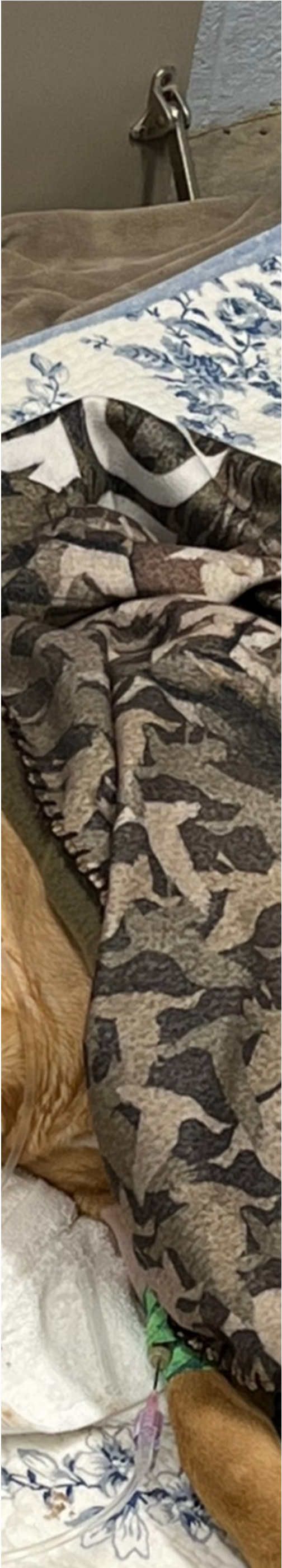
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Project Synopsis

The HSCC Owned Pet Grant was a huge success, providing community members with the opportunity to spay/neuter their pets as well as get them started on a healthier, hopefully, longer life. Families all throughout our covered geographic area were sometimes surprised by the service being provided to them through this program. Our project was able to provide 59% more families with the gift of spay/neuter than in our previous project, preventing unwanted litters from entering the shelter, providing a healthier life for 517 family pets, and many stray/lost pets will remain safer at home because of the procedures. We promoted the services at our in-house clinic, which is convenient and easy to access for all of our target areas. Flexible and easy scheduled surgery times also made it possible for families to take advantage of this opportunity.

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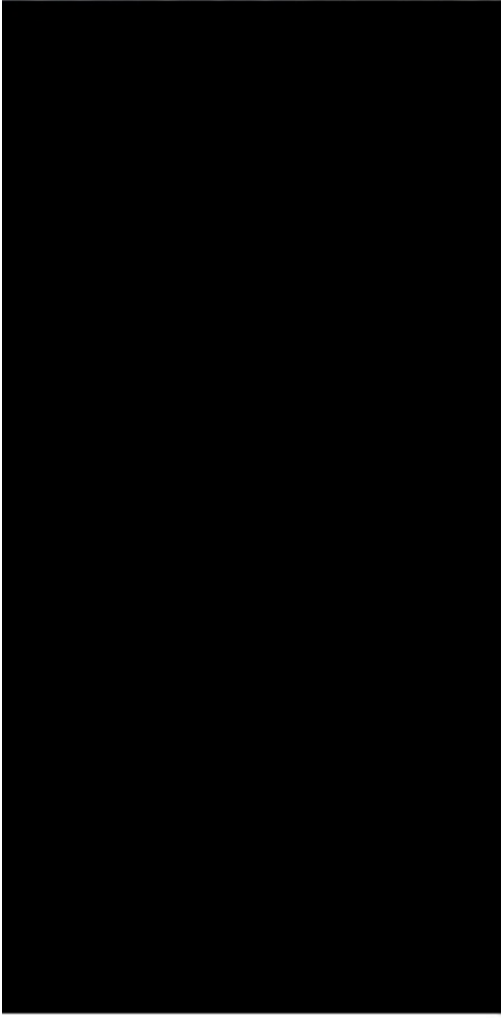








as to provide free spay/neuter and rabies vaccination to pets in Charles and Prince George's Counties. This funding will allow the funding to provide 59% more procedures than in 2019. This goal represents our need. To meet this goal, the outreach branch of our program is evolved, promoting this service to our shelter and the Tri-County Animal Shelter. We also recruited families and patients in need of free events and through other local organizations. Increasing the selection of zip codes that qualify for families in the 3 neighboring zip codes in Prince Georges County through our connections with the SPCA where they often have a long waiting list of pet owners in need of low cost or free sterilization




several years, so our community reach is well established and we have an excellent base of support. Promotion of this service is established through our website and social media posts. We also promoted at the community, especially as things opened up post-covid. We are actively running both Healthy Pet Clinics which are excellent opportunities to promote the additional service for spaying/neuter for pet owners who are inquiring about spay/neuter surgery for their pets are always directed to our website program and an easy online application that is monitored by our program coordinator who assists in the process. Overall, providing available, easily booked appointments is the most important aspect of our success.

performed 517 surgeries and rabies vaccines for 517 family pets (59% more pets than in 2019), preventing the intake of kittens and puppies, contributing to a reduction of the intake of animals at the shelter by 13.5% over the period of families surrendering pets due to financial constraints but in some cases, we were able to provide rabies vaccines that allowed them to keep the pets in their home. We also had 92 pets returned to owners after they were referred to the spay/neuter website after learning that their pet would be less likely to run away. Pet owners were so grateful for being able to have access to this service, free of charge when so many other services are out of their means.

Lessons Learned

The biggest challenge we faced in completing this project was a change in staffing for our in-house Veterinarian in November of 2021. The exiting of our veterinarian reduced our surgery capacity by more than 50% so we required an extension into 2022 in order to complete the project. Focused scheduling for customers participating in the program was key to being able to make the most of very limited surgery availability. Once we were able to hire a new full-time veterinarian our capacity increased and our ability to perform this work is once again at a more acceptable level.

Attachments (proof of surgeries performed)

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