



Feral Cat Project

Project #

22-7078

County: Harford County

Number of Cats Spayed: 193

Number of Dogs Spayed: 0

Number of Cats Neutered: 208

Number of Dogs Neutered: 0

Amount Received: \$10,000.00

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

Project Synopsis:

Our project was for targeted TNR along the Route 40 corridor and in the rural north of Harford County. We used community trapping for large colonies in the Route 40 area mobile home parks.



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Project Description:

Our goal was to spay/neuter 400 community cats within a 12-month timeframe using one low-cost clinic. We achieved the goal but with a one-quarter extension to schedule due to circumstances we could not control.

Summary of Approach:

We sent postcards, posted signs, and dropped literature in the two target areas as well as used social media to inform and update known and potential colony sites and caregivers. We also advertised more widely on social media and radio. Trapping teams worked in both the southern and northern locations, including community/mass trapping events over a one-month period to effectively address the densest concentration in the southern ZIP codes.

Accomplishments:

In one mobile home park along the Route 40 corridor, we believe we achieved a near 100% s/n of roaming cats. We educated the residents on the need for spay and neuter, provided low-cost and (when otherwise funded) free pet s/n, and reminded the residents and management to contact us as soon as they see non-eartipped felines on site. We continue to monitor all "closed" sites.



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Lessons Learned:

We learned that community trapping needs to be continuously advertised in as many ways as possible so that we reach the majority of residents, helping them to understand what we are doing and earning cooperation. Because we used only one provider offering the best pricing, a clinic that moved during the past year, and due to an outbreak of panleuk at one holding site, we had to forgo intake for a few weeks and did not meet the 12-month schedule as planned. We negotiated an increase in weekly clinic spaces in late 2022, and our scheduling for the future will build in added time for unforeseen work stoppages so that we can better meet planned timelines.

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