



# Somerset County's MDA -TNR Program

Project #

23-8032

County: Somerset County

Number of Cats Spayed: 69

Number of Dogs Spayed: 0

Number of Cats Neutered: 75

Number of Dogs Neutered: 0

Amount Received: \$9,800.00

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

## Project Synopsis:

The project was very successful. We completed the grant allocation of 140 cats in the first 5 months of the Grant period. Hopefully we can obtain another grant to continue this important work.



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## **Project Description:**

Using the provided MDA award grant funds and our humane resources, we provided spay neuter assistance for low-income residents and public areas for 144 feral cats. Specifically, by concentrating our efforts to 4 different zip codes; Deal Island 21821, University of MD Eastern Shore 21853, ECI Prison 21890, Public Housing Crisfield MD 21817, we were more effective. We propose to complete another 250 more spay neuter surgeries during the next eight-months remaining in this grant period on other grants funds. The entire purpose of our program is to reduce the possibility of a rabies outbreak, further reduce the homeless cat population and the prevailing animal suffering and unnecessary euthanasia that it causes, and finally reduce the homeless cat population in Somerset and surrounding counties

## **Summary of Approach:**

We use three trappers to move from area to area, but only after cleaning up the cats in that area sterilized first. This seems to be the best approach. Don't move on until the site or job is completed.

## **Accomplishments:**

Sterilizing another 144 cats and preventing more litters of new kittens in the targeted areas is big help with our program. While trapping and interfacing with residents we learned of other colonies as well. Continuing forward with our program we will do our best to get them all sterilized. We believe another 200 cats will need TNR on the Island at this time. After spring it will be worse. So, we are giving this remote area of the county area a high priority. Thank You MDA



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## **Lessons Learned:**

Weather is a big factor on TNR work. We also have learned to trap and hold some animals in pens until it's time for our clinic. We are also purchasing some new Cat Pods, a device to place on the end of trap to give a trapped cat a place to hide and relieve some of the stress on the animal.

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