



Four Cities Spay/Neuter Initiative

Project #
15-037

County: Prince George's

Number of Cats Spayed:	102
Number of Cats Neutered:	82

Number of Dogs Spayed:	105
Number of Dogs Neutered:	94

Amount Received: \$74,562.00

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$44,939.34

Project Synopsis:

Funding was provided through a 4 city partnership to cover costs for spay and neuter of owned dogs and cats. While primarily focused in the Washington Metropolitan Area, applications were received from areas such as Montgomery County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Howard County, Calvert County and Charles County, in addition to applications received from the eastern shore.



Project Description:

Through a voucher program, provided all costs for spay/neuter for dogs and cats for residents of Maryland. We partnered with a local veterinary clinic which provided these services at low cost. The veterinarian clinic bundled other veterinary services with the spay/neuter cost to include rabies and distemper. The cost of the bundle was less than the cost of the services on a per procedure basis.

Summary of Approach:

Candidates for the program completed an application which listed 10 "at need" criteria. The applicant only had to indicate that he/she met one area of need in order to qualify for the funding. Applications were reviewed by Greenbelt Animal Control officers. Once approved, a voucher was sent to the applicant. The applicant would contact the partner veterinary clinic to make an appointment and was responsible for taking the animal to the veterinary clinic. The applicant would present the voucher at the time of service, and no charges were made to the applicant. The veterinary clinic would return the voucher indicating date and time of service and services provided and cost for services to the City of Greenbelt. Greenbelt would process and pay. We found that this process worked very smoothly.



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Accomplishments:

Upon application for this grant, we set a goal of 700 animals to treat. Our final number of treated dogs and cats was 383, which we believe is a very good result. Interest in the program was high for the entire 24 months that the program was operating. I believe that if the funding were to continue, our results would continue.

Lessons Learned:

There is a continuing need for this program, evidenced by the steady interest in the services through the life of the grant. There could have been more demand for vouchers if we had partnered with another veterinary clinic, and perhaps developing a "voucher on the spot" process would have resulted in more demand. However, we are very pleased with the success of the program. While we did not achieve our goal in total number of animals receiving services, we succeeded in getting nearly 400 dogs and cats spayed and neutered.

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