



Compassion for Community Cats

Project #
FY17-215

County: Charles

Number of Cats Spayed:	213	Number of Dogs Spayed:	0
Number of Cats Neutered:	195	Number of Dogs Neutered:	0

Amount Received: \$24,662.00	Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0.00
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Project Synopsis:

The project provided spay/neuter services to 400 feral cats from 14 colonies in Waldorf, La Plata, Accokeek, Bryans Roads, Pomfret, Tobacco, Bel Alton and Newburg in Charles County. Free rabies vaccines were also provided to each animal and no co-pays were required from colony caretaker. All cats were assessed for admittance into Last Chance Animal Rescue's adoption program upon trapping.



Project Description:

We worked diligently with Rescue Angels Animal Rescue and volunteer community cat caretakers throughout Charles County to TNR over 400 cats this year. Each cat was spayed/neutered in order to control the population of each colony, as well as, given a rabies vaccination and ear tipped. Ear tipping was done to more easily identify colony members while vaccines help to maintain the health of colony cats and the community. We also assessed and admitted 29 formally feral cats/kittens and placed them in loving homes where they are treated as members of the family!

Summary of Approach:

We approached each colony with the same mind set. We had volunteers go into the community and educate the members on the importance of caring for the community cats and controlling the population. We hosted classes throughout the year for both community outreach as well as education on how to humanely trap and release the community cats.

Accomplishments:

We have spayed 213 female cats, neutered 195 males cats and rescued 29 cats and kittens from a life on streets.

Lessons Learned:



We have learned throughout this endeavor the importance of accurately logging traps and trap maintenance. Throughout the year we have perfected our logging system through trial and error. We now have an active logging system that is both easy to use and to maintain.

The traps often contained angry tom cats and the damage they inflicted upon the traps and themselves is evident. We anticipate retiring a few traps this year but, rest assured, they provided more than their money's worth in lives saved.

Attachments:

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