



# Spay-A-Day Keeps the Litter Away

Project #  
FY18-309 (MDA  
1938)-230

County: Prince George's County

Number of Cats Spayed:	54	Number of Dogs Spayed:	104
Number of Cats Neutered:	42	Number of Dogs Neutered:	112
Amount Received: \$29925.	Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): -\$7.50		

### Project Synopsis:

This campaign is a spaying and neutering effort through use of grant funds to reduce the unwanted pet population within Prince George's County thereby reducing shelter intake and euthanasia. The 2018 goal is to spay and neuter 300 household pets during this grant period.



### Project Description:

We provided spay and neuter services for low income residents of Prince George's County through a partnership with Last Chance Animal Rescue who operates our in-house spay and neuter clinic, The Spay Spot. The clinic agreed to provide surgeries at the same cost that we pay for adopted shelter animals, thereby enabling us to complete more surgeries with the funding issued. Each participant, a Prince George's County resident, upon approval of their application for free spay or neuter surgery, was issued a voucher number and was required to make an appointment at the clinic to have the surgery performed. Upon completion the voucher was voided and returned to us for verification of surgery completion.

### Summary of Approach:

We approached the campaign first by targeting low-income areas that may have a greater need. Our program 2018 grant program benefited from our previous years' campaigns and thereby commenced with a great boom. We were able to have 102 surgeries completed within our first quarter and 270 by the end of our second quarter.

### Accomplishments:

During this grant year, we were able to spay and neuter 312 animals -- 96 cats and 216 dogs. We surpassed our goal by 12 pets, with -\$7.50 remaining of our allotted grant funds.

### Lessons Learned:

We experienced one minor setback in reaching the targeted surgery number by the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, in the third and fourth quarter we experienced delayed scheduling and an unexpected amount of no shows. The fact that we experienced very strong 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters caused us to reserve our marketing budget to put towards surgeries that would go above the 300 goal. We were successful in providing an additional 12 surgeries and contributed \$7.50 in kind. We experienced a series of staffing shortages towards the end of our grant year



thereby causing us a delayed ending to our program. Employee shortages are difficult to predict; therefore, if we are selected for another grant period we will make a stronger outreach for volunteers to work alongside staff to accomplish our goals.

**Attachments:**

Final Invoice

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