



Frederick Feline Fix

Project #

23-8038

County: Frederick

Number of Cats Spayed: 299

Number of Dogs Spayed:

Number of Cats Neutered: 229

Number of Dogs Neutered:

Amount Received: \$29,896.8

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0

Project Synopsis:

Tip Me Frederick conducted 49 clinics beginning in January and by the end of June, had successfully sterilized and vaccinated 528 cats, 48 more cats than proposed. TMF used two spay-neuter providers, Adams County SPCA and Too Much of a Good Thing. On average, TMF held one clinic a week with an average of 11 cats per clinic. With few exceptions, cats originated from the greater Thurmont region. Most came from farms or medium-size managed colonies.



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Project Description:

Through this grant, TMF helped over two dozen people (colony caregivers, concerned citizens, farmers, etc.) by providing them with the experience, expertise, and access to low-cost veterinary services to help them humanely manage cat colonies in their neighborhoods and on their properties. TMF's services under this grant included: education and training in best practices for managing feral cats; loaning traps and assisting with trapping when needed; assisting with transport to low-cost veterinary clinics; and, working with local veterinarians to provide access to low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination services.

Summary of Approach:

TMF provided citizens with assistance with trapping; transportation to and from Too Much of a Good Thing (TMGT) and Adams County SPCA, our spay/neuter partners; and, free sterilization and vaccination services for 528 cats. TMF provided for the distemper combo (FVRCP) vaccine and, as needed, flea/dewormer treatment, as an in-kind contribution to this project. TMF also covered necessary medical expenses such as Convenia antibiotics for sick or injured cats.

Accomplishments:

Tip Me Frederick sterilized 528 cats in 6 months, completing the grant in half of the proposed time while exceeding the projection by 48 cats.



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Lessons Learned:

While not exactly a "lesson learned," Tip Me Frederick has continued to struggle with attracting and retaining volunteers. This has led to burnout among its small cadre of main volunteers as well as caused serious health issue for its president and founder. The group is taking a hiatus to consider the way forward, though it will continue to coordinate and manage clinics with Too Much of a Good Thing as support and funds allow. On the positive side, we recognized the value of working with only one or two clinics that specialize in spay-neuter and keeping each clinic to 10-15 cats...given limited experienced volunteers, this was easier to manage.

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