



## Spay and Neuter of Glen Burnie's Pets

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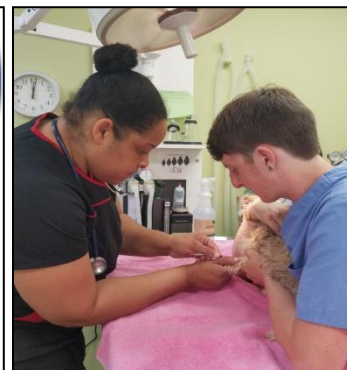
County: Anne Arundel County

Number of Cats Spayed:	29	Number of Dogs Spayed:	40
Number of Cats Neutered:	28	Number of Dogs Neutered:	40

Amount Received: \$7,047.34	Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$42.66
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### Project Synopsis:

Reduce the number of dogs and cats surrendered to the SPCA of Anne Arundel County by targeting low income pet owners with unaltered pets in the Glen Burnie area. Ultimately, by reducing the number of unwanted litters, the intake of area shelters will see a decrease in surrendered pets.



### Project Description:

The SPCA of Anne Arundel County offered free spay and neuter surgeries and rabies vaccinations to pets owned by financially disadvantaged residents of the Glen Burnie area.

### Summary of Approach:

The SPCA heavily advertised the grant not only online, through flyers, our Pet Food Bank program and events, but also through our incoming animal department. We made every effort to accommodate the schedules of participants, as reliable transportation can be difficult for this population.

### Accomplishments:

By altering 137 animals capable of breeding, it is our honor to report that countless unwanted pregnancies have been averted. The expense of surgery at a traditional veterinary clinic is out of reach for many residents of Anne Arundel County, and by offering this service, we have not only been able to prevent unwanted litters, but improved the health of the animals served. The health benefits to the animal of spay or neuter surgery have been well documented, and we feel that the bond between the owner and pet is strengthened when the concerns and stresses regarding female animals entering heat, pyometria, inappropriate marking as well as others have been prevented or corrected through this service.

### Lessons Learned:

We have found that there is great interest in obtaining preventative veterinary care in this population. The clients did struggle with challenges that we needed to accommodate ranging from reliable transportation, to long work hours and language barriers. We found having Spanish speaking staff to assist with translation to be



invaluable to the success of this project. We also did see a small increase in the pricing of rabies vaccinations during the period between which the project budget was proposed, and then implemented,

**Attachments:**

MD Ag Grant (Excel Spreadsheet)

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