



# Compassion for Community Cats 2019

Project #  
19-421

County: Charles County

Number of Cats Spayed:	311	Number of Dogs Spayed:	0
Number of Cats Neutered:	259	Number of Dogs Neutered:	0
Amount Received: \$28,500.00		Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA):	0

### Project Synopsis:

The project provided spay/neuter services to 570 community cats from 7 zip codes within Charles County, Maryland. Free rabies vaccines were also provided to each animal and no co-pays were required from the Colony Caretaker. All cats were assessed for admittance into Last Chance Animal Rescue's adoption program, upon trapping.



### Project Description:

We partnered with Pets in Need and many volunteer community cat caretakers throughout Charles County to TNR 570 cats this year. Each cat was spayed/neutered, in an effort 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.

### Summary of Approach:

This being our third consecutive year, we were able to approach each colony with an experienced mind set. Pets in Need had designated volunteers go into the community and educate the members on the importance of caring for the community cats and controlling the population. We loaned traps, through our main facility, which helped create a lasting, neighborly relationship within the community. Because of our many years of TNRing community cats, we have become a rich source of knowledge which we were able to pass on to the community members and cat care takers.

### Accomplishments:

We have spayed 311 female cats and neutered 259 males cats. Through loaning traps from our facility, we developed relationships in the community and educated a large number of people on the importance of population control and spay/neuter.



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**Lessons Learned:**

This is our third year participating in the Community Cats Program and through the years we have learned many things and seen many changes. Through the loaning of traps, directly to care takers, we met a wide variety of like minded people. The greatest lesson we learned this year is that a large segment of Charles County shares our beliefs about the importance of spay and neuter. If we continue such an aggressive approach to TNR, we will truly make a difference.

Additionally, we also learned a very valuable lesson regarding keeping an accurate inventory of our traps. We have struggled with this in the past but, I believe we have finally mastered it.

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