



# Wicomico Animal Population & Wellness Assistance

Project #

23-8025

County: Wicomico

Number of Cats Spayed: 33

Number of Dogs Spayed: 8

Number of Cats Neutered: 26

Number of Dogs Neutered: 5

Amount Received: \$5,014.5

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$372.50

## Project Synopsis:

This project was intended to service the low-income residents in Wicomico County by providing free spay/neuters and rabies vaccinations to our low-income families. Our shelter is the only facility that provides this service in this area. Our initial financial request would have allowed us to do 115 surgeries. We were not funded the full amount so in total we were able to complete 72 surgeries. We did end up with \$372.50 to return.



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## **Project Description:**

The Humane Society of Wicomico County has a mission to help and care for all less fortunate animals in our county. Our mission includes servicing our local community by providing low-cost or free services to them. This projects intention was to provide low-income families the service of free spay/neuter. Our goal was to reach those families through social media and local news stations and service them through our onsite veterinary clinic.

## **Summary of Approach:**

Applicants were asked to visit in person and fill out proper paperwork. From there they were placed on a list of approved applicants and called to schedule. We advertised through our website, Facebook, local news, both in print and video. We passed out flyers inhouse, placed them in local businesses that service low income clients, and animal control carried the flyers and passed them out to citizens. All documentation was handled by our office manager. Once someone was approved they received a scheduling phone call and their animals was dropped of in the am and picked up in the afternoon. All applicants were taken on a first come first serve basis.

## **Accomplishments:**

We were able to service 72 animals in our area for low income families. We service a very large area and we are the only low-cost and free spay neuter facility in this area. We have a very efficient system for this program from start to finish and work along side with our full-time veterinarian. Our veterinarian is a wonderful caring soul that assists the public on a daily basis with low cost procedures. This type of service is invaluable to our local families. Not only does this service prevent unwanted litters but the rabies keep their animals safe in our rural community. we have experienced a larger number of rabid animals reports recently.



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## **Lessons Learned:**

We have always had issues with convincing the families that should be accepting this service to allow us to spay/neuter their pets. We had to get a little more creative with the advertising of this program this year. This is such an invaluable service to provide for our less fortunate to insure their animals are healthy and not reproducing. We learned that the community is very appreciative of this kind of service.

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