



Pet Focused Project

Project #

21-619

County: Baltimore

Number of Cats Spayed: 231

Number of Dogs Spayed: 94

Number of Cats Neutered: 251

Number of Dogs Neutered: 102

Amount Received: \$27,120.00

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

Baltimore County Animal Services (BCAS) began this grant in April 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic BCAS had to make some changes to how the shelter programs operated and how staff performed daily procedures, delaying the scheduling of public surgeries. Surgeries were successfully completed in the allotted time frame, Q1 0, Q2 252, Q3 308, Q4 118. Completing the 678 surgeries by December 21, 2021.

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Project Description:

ESNP IV Grant was for a total of 678 surgeries (482 cats, 196 dogs). This grant was for owned pets residing within the 7 selected zip codes; 21219, 21222, 21224, 21221, 21237, 21236, and 21234. Members of the public were able to schedule surgical appointments at our Baldwin surgical center. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we were unable to reopen the surgical center in Dundalk, which was intended to be used for this grant.

Summary of Approach:

Based on our county resident owned pet population and need for spay/neuter we do not need to advertise this grant or our services other than on the county government website. Our scheduling is currently 2-3 months booked with one surgical center opened. Scheduling is completed on line through the county government website and then through word of mouth the services for the grant are quickly filled. We open our schedule to accommodate as many public surgeries per day without jeopardizing the surgical and medical needs of our shelter population.

Accomplishments:

The ESNP IV grant was successfully completed within 9 months, April-Dec 2021. A total of 678 surgeries were completed; CN 251, CS 231, DN 102, DS 94. Our goal was to complete 241 each CN/CS and 98 each DN/DS, the cat surgeries were +10 on CN and -10 on CS while dog surgeries were +4 pm DN and -4 on DS.



Lessons Learned:

Operating a shelter surgical center through a pandemic is difficult. With constant staff illness, policy changes, elevated shelter animal population and need to keep staff and public safe we found it difficult to keep the number of public surgeries high enough to complete the grant without causing too much of a burden on the surgical teams.

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