

County: Talbot County, Dorchester County

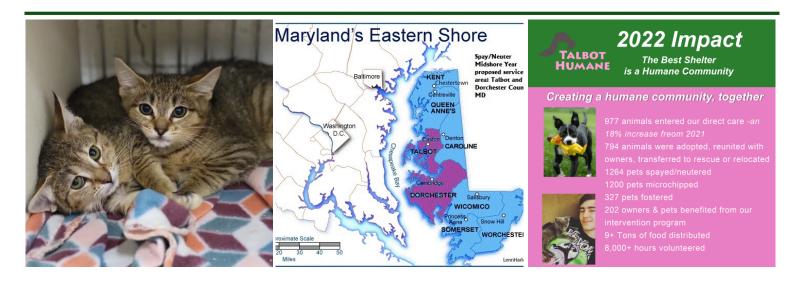
Number of Cats Spayed: 209 Number of Dogs Spayed: 60

Number of Cats Neutered: 181 Number of Dogs Neutered: 50

Amount Received: \$31,530.00 Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0.00

# **Project Synopsis:**

Spay Neuter Midshore provides no and low cost spay and neuter services to residents of Talbot and Dorchester counties in MD. Our goal with the grant funds awarded was 500 surgeries.







#### **Project Description:**

Our grant from Maryland Department of Agriculture allowed 500 animals to receive services. The program in total served 812 owned animals through direct spay/neuter services and an additional 452 shelter pets. In total our program spayed or neutered 1264 animals in 2022.

### **Summary of Approach:**

Our program has been running for the better part of 15 years, and has grown exponentially over time. Residents contact our office and our spay/neuter coordinator obtains information on their pets, residency and income level. From there she schedules them for surgery. We work with our local high volume veterinary hospital to schedule 25-35 animals every Thursday. Our schedule stays full throughout the year and we book surgeries out several weeks in advance. Our Spay/Neuter Coordinator ensures all appropriate waivers are signed, pet owners understand the procedures to be performed and offer other services as appropriate. Animals are released back to the owners that evening with post-op directions and emergency numbers.

### Accomplishments:

Fulfilling our grant by early in the 3rd quarter, Talbot Humane was able to continue to offer low and no cost surgeries through the end of the year thanks to matching funds committed to the program by our board of directors. This allowed us to serve more than 300 more animals this year.





#### **Lessons Learned:**

As there is always something to learn. Ensuring pet owners read and/or understand what has been requested, and signed for is a point we have paid special attention. Additionally we are looking for other avenues of surgery which would allow us to provide more services weekly.

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