



# Spay Neuter Midshore Year 4

Project # 19-409

County: Project serves Talbot And Dorchester Counties

Number of Cats Spayed:	DC:72 TC:79	Number of Dogs Spayed:	DC:57 TC: 44
Number of Cats Neutered:	DC:61 TC: 67	Number of Dogs Neutered:	DC:32 TC:55

Amount Received: \$33,615.00      Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0.00

### Project Synopsis:

Spay/Neuter Midshore is a program which provides low and no cost spay/neuter surgeries and vaccines to qualifying residents of Talbot and Dorchester Counties in Maryland. The Maryland Department of Agriculture grant assists in funding surgeries for residents which qualify for no-cost services.



**SPAY NEUTER MIDSHORE**

Thanks to a generous grant from the Maryland Department of Agriculture and gifts from private donors, Talbot Humane is able to offer low or no-cost surgeries to residents of Talbot and Dorchester Counties in MD.

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### Project Description:

Spay Neuter Midshore serves residents of Talbot and Dorchester Counties in MD with spay/neuter surgeries and core vaccines at no cost to the pet owner. The grant from the Maryland Department of Agriculture currently funds approximately 57% of the full program, allowing us to stretch our funding and reach of services. Talbot Humane has provided spay/neuter services to the public in some fashion for more than 16 years.

### Summary of Approach:

As we have been providing some form of subsidized surgeries since 2003, Spay/Neuter Midshore has allowed our services to reach exponentially more residents by providing more free services and extending our reach into Dorchester county. Through the sharing of this program by fellow agencies such as Dorchester Dog Control, Talbot County Social Services, Dorchester County Health Department, Talbot County Health Department, Baywater Animal Rescue and Tom Cat Solutions residents are learning about the program. We specifically advertise in areas where the target population may regularly shop or visit, we use social media, and continue to share on our weekly radio spot.

We provided information about the program at every community event attended in 2019 as well as use any fee free outlet possible.

Our Spay/Neuter Coordinator stays engaged with consumers from application to surgery completion. This ensures the clinics stay full each week and we are using time and resources in an efficient manner.

### Accomplishments:



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The Maryland Department of Agriculture funded 451 surgeries before the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. This number surpassed our grant goal by 66 surgeries. The program as a whole, 43% funded by gifts from private donors, served an additional 206 dogs and cats through free or low cost surgeries in 2019 as well as funding a dedicated staff member 20 hours per week, vaccines and above and beyond care for some animals.

Revisiting our lessons learned from Grant 2018 we were successful in properly vetting consumers using our program. We were able to offer partial assistance from other funding sources to residents whose income surpassed the threshold for the MDA grant.

Our program was also successful in reaching dog owners regarding the benefits of spay/neuter of their pets.

We provided free or low cost microchipping to 507 of the dogs and cats served through Spay/Neuter Midshore.

Approximately 35 animals received additional treatments or procedures as a direct result of participating in Spay/Neuter Midshore. From tooth extractions, infection management to mass removals, these animals are now healthier and surely happier due to receiving proper veterinary care which they most likely would not have received if they had not been examined and treated at clinic.

#### **Lessons Learned:**

We experienced lag times of receiving information on consumers from some partners in 2019. As management and staff changes occur at partnering organizations, the learning curve as well as priorities of the organizations may also change. While we still eagerly partner with other organizations we have put safeguards in place to ensure the public is being served in a timely and appropriate fashion. All applicants are encouraged to contact our office directly and our spay/neuter coordinator who has 20 hours per week dedicated to the spay/neuter program as well as the cat portion of our intervention and retention program serves them directly. We triage all surgery requests as well to ensure we are capturing and serving the most at risk pets in as timely a manner as possible.

#### **Attachments:**

SN MIDSHORE 2019 FINAL xl  
SNPostcard1  
SNPostcard2

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