



Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control

Project #
FY 19-411

County: Anne Arundel

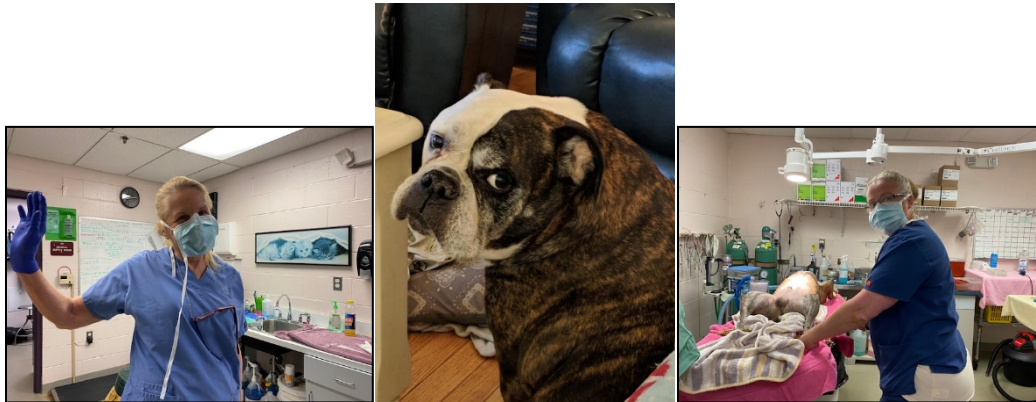
Number of Cats Spayed:	46	Number of Dogs Spayed:	62
Number of Cats Neutered:	51	Number of Dogs Neutered:	54

Amount Received: \$15,900.00

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

Project Synopsis:

This Grant which was initially slated to be funded beginning in September 2019. However, our funds for our FY 18 Grant ran out sooner than expected, therefore, we requested the funds be allocated to Animal Care & Control four months earlier and began utilizing funds for surgeries starting in May 2019. This allowed us to spay and neuter a total of 213 animals in Anne Arundel County, MD between the period of May 2019 and March 2020. We utilized all of our funding in 10 months time through community initiatives and staff member focus on getting citizens to apply for the surgery grants in order to help manage the surplus pet population.



Project Description:

The grant period commencing on September 1, 2019 AACACC is committed to utilizing the \$15,900.00 granted for 125 dog spay/neuters and 75 cat spay/ neuters within the allotted grant period of 12 months.

Summary of Approach:

- Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control proposes to offer FREE spay/neuter services for dogs and cats of qualifying owners impounded by AACACC and reclaimed by the owner.
2. We propose FREE spay/neuter services to qualifying individuals who are surrendering animals with hope that a FREE spay/neuter option may encourage them to maintain ownership of their pet.
 3. We propose FREE spay/neuter to the dog/cat parent of qualifying owners if they are surrendering offspring from current pets, as this will prevent their current pets from reproducing again.
 4. We propose to offer FREE spay/neuter to qualifying individuals at homes where our Animal Control Officers determine altering the animals is essential to prevent high numbers of unwanted animals that would be at risk of surrender at a later time.



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5. We propose to offer FREE spay/neuters to qualifying owners of dogs/cats in Anne Arundel County who contact us after hearing about our receipt of funding from the Maryland Department of Agriculture seeking FREE spay/neuter services for their pets.

6. We as an organization will spread the word through no cost advertising about the possibility of FREE spay/neuters through our agency for low-income pet owners throughout Anne Arundel County who qualify. Those who do not qualify will be referred to a low-cost option for spay/neuters.

Accomplishments:

For this grant cycle we received 20% less funds than we requested. A total of \$19,880 was requested, and \$15,900 was awarded. We requested a significantly lower amount of funds for FY 19 than the previous cycle due to the length of time it took us to use all of the funding. We exceeded utilization of the FY 19 411 grant in nine months time. As discussed in January with the MDA, we predicted we would be out of funds my March 2020. At this time, we requested an early release of funds for Grant FY 20 542.

Lessons Learned:

We acutally did 116 dog spay/neuters and 97 cat spay/neuters which is in excession of what we said we would do if we consider the 20% reduction in funds and the utilization of all the funds in 10 months time. We feel that with future grants we can more accurately study the trends with new performance reporting on a monthly basis to better predict when we will be out of money, and instead of offering each citizen the free application, we will initially assess whether the citizen can first utilize our reduced cost family plan sugeries which our contracted Veterinarian has agreed to do within the next cycle. In other words we can limit the funding to those individuals most in need.

Attachments:

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