



# SPAY- NEUTER FERAL CATS

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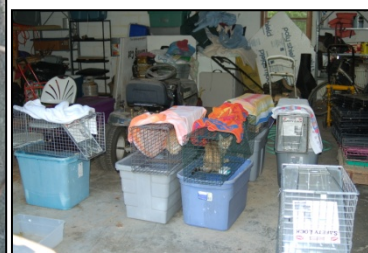
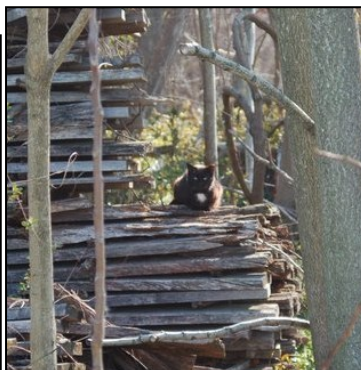
County: St Mary's

<b>Number of Cats Spayed:</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>Number of Dogs Spayed:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Number of Cats Neutered:</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>Number of Dogs Neutered:</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Amount Received: 10,500</b>	<b>Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): 0</b>
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### Project Synopsis:

This project targeted feral and unowned cats in St Mary's County in the following zip codes: 20653, 20619, 20636, 20634, 20650 and 20659. We were to provide surgery and rabies vaccines to 200 cats in managed colonies.



### Project Description:

We became Feral Cat Rescue in 2007. Our focus is to spay/neuter, feral and colony cats in St Mary's County. In addition we adopted out about 200 kittens and cats a year to inside only homes as we trap many kittens that are tameable. We also focus on humane education. Our project lasted from 10/1/18 until 9/30/19. We provided grants for select areas in St Mary's where we find the most colonies. We wanted to vet 200 cats and we vetted 220 cats. We also provided distemper vaccines and multi advantage for every cat and rabies vaccines for 209 cats.

### Summary of Approach:

In October we posted signs. We routinely posted information on social media. We do adoption events every Saturday and Sunday at Petco and routinely put a trap on top of our cages with a stuffed animal cat inside with a sign saying we will spay/neuter community cats. We are well known here.

### Accomplishments:

We vetted and returned 220 cats. In addition to the 220 returned, we vetted many cats taken from the colonies and adopted out 196 cats to inside only homes. In 2007 the local government shelter euthanized 550 cats per month. In 2018 it was 90 cats per month. Since we started the number drops every year. We have a volunteer vet in our group who helps us save money. We buy vaccines in bulk through the clinic to save money. We know how to stretch dollars. Humane education happens every weekend at the Petco in California along with adoption events at Pet Smart and Wag N Wash as well as at our fund raising events, on our website and our Facebook page.



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**Lessons Learned:**

We have been doing trap, neuter, return for 14 years now. This is not anything new but it is always difficult to get people to not feed the day before trapping so cats will be hungry. I tell them that going without food is a lot easier than giving birth 3 to 4 times a year or the males fighting for mating rights or roaming and being hit by cars to mate or contracting leukemia and fiv. I also tell people to zip tie open the traps when they are not trapping and to only put food in the traps so cats get use to going in the traps. It is also difficult to get them to follow through and trap every cat. I explain this at the beginning and tell them how frustrating it is but the reward is to have no kittens and to help the cats.

**Attachments:**

list of cats attached

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