



Prevent A Litter-Fix Your Critter

Project #
19-429

County: Worcester County

Number of Cats Spayed:	98	Number of Dogs Spayed:	15
Number of Cats Neutered:	90	Number of Dogs Neutered:	18

Amount Received: 19,960.00	Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): 6168.00
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Project Synopsis:

This project targeted low income pet owners throughout Worcester County, to provide no cost surgeries to 96 dogs and 196 cats, as well as rabies vaccines.



Project Description:

The Worcester County Humane Society is a no kill private non-profit organization. We are determined to make an impact in decreasing animal overpopulation. We continually strive to significantly decrease animal intake in our county - in all organizations This project was to provide free spay/neuter to 292 pets of low income residents of Worcester County, where low cost services are not readily available. Free rabies vaccines were also to be provided to each animal, if required by law. No co-payment was required from any pet owner. We purchased flyers & rack cards with clinic information & MD Dept. of Agriculture information.

Summary of Approach:

We advertised our grant on social media and on our webpage. Our media person submitted a press release to local news outlets. When interviewed for events, our personnel mentioned our clinic and grant opportunities. We distributed our cards and flyers to local vets' offices, and received referrals regarding animals needing to be spayed or neutered from within the community.

Accomplishments:

We spayed 98 cats, neutered 90 cats, spayed 15 dogs, and neutered 18 dogs. All 221 animals were given rabies vaccines. We purchased rack cards & flyers with clinic information and Md Dept. of Agriculture information; and distributed to organizations serving low/no income citizens. In addition to this grant, we have garnered community support for spaying & neutering. Members of our community have also sponsored animals to be spayed or neutered, as well as served as ambassadors for those low income citizens with no transportation or means to bring their animals on clinic days.



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Lessons Learned:

Our goals were very difficult to achieve. This was due partially to a veterinarian we hired as fulltime, who had little to no high quality/high volume spay/neuter skills. Due to same veterinarian's performance issues regarding the care of our shelter animals, our clinic was opened very late, which affected our time line. The shortage of vets in our area has significantly hampered our efforts to decrease animal overpopulation and with this project. We are very fortunate to have a couple veterinarians who volunteer to work a clinic approximately one time per month. We are also extremely fortunate to have employed a veterinarian part time, who conducts clinics approximately 4-5 times per month.

We are still looking to hire a full-time vet for our clinic and shelter. For our latest grant I want to double the advertisement spaying & neutering is available at no cost to residents of Worcester County that are low to no income.

Attachments:

List of Animals altered
Rabies vaccines, syringes, needles Invoices

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