

Final Grant Progress Report

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Maryland Department of Agriculture

Spay and Neuter Grants Program

Contact Information

Project Title

Worcester County TNVR

Project Type

Feral Cat Application

Project #

21-630

Date of Report

Jul 11, 2022

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Organization Name and Address

Organization Name

Forgotten Cats

County

New Castle

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City	State	Zipcode
Greenville	Delaware	19807

Full Address

Budget Expenditures

Total Grant Awarded

Total Amount Spent

Amount Remaining

Surgery Information

Number of Cats Spayed	Number of Cats Neutered
424	320

Number of Dogs Spayed	Number of Dogs Neutered

Total Surgeries Proposed	Total Surgeries Completed
750	744

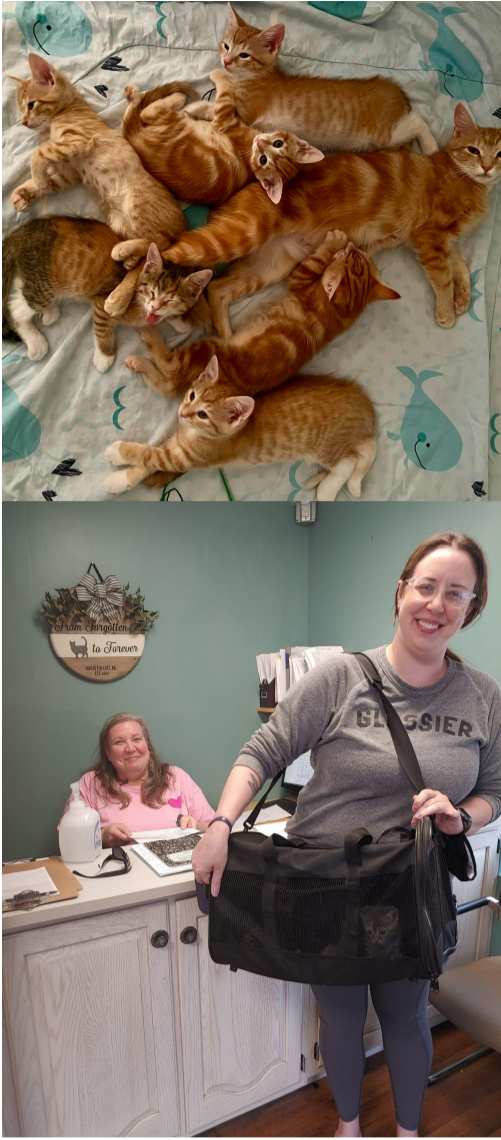
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Project Synopsis

This project targeted colonies of free-roaming cats in West Ocean City, Berlin, Ocean Pines, Pocomoke City, Whaleyville, and Bishopville. 763 cats were TNVR'd under this project (21 previously sterilized). ALL cats within each colony were TNVR'd in order to ensure zero percent colony growth.

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Additional Information

Project Description

In an effort to reduce intake & euthanasia at Worcester County Animal Control and provide a humane solution to control the free-roaming cat population in Worcester County, we conducted targeted TNVR of colonies in West Ocean City, Berlin, Ocean Pines, Bishopville, Whaleyville, and Pocomoke City. The project started on April 1st 2021 and ended on May 19, 2022. These cities were targeted because they were reported as the areas of highest intake and euthanasia for Worcester County Animal Control. Throughout the project, we used the only effective TNVR protocol which involves working closely with the colony caregiver in order to trap 100% of the cats residing in the colony so that there is zero percent colony growth. In addition to reducing intake and euthanasia, this project also aimed to reduce the free-roaming cat population, reduce the risk of rabies spread, and reduce complaint calls to animal control.

Summary of Approach

Due to our prior MDA projects in Worcester County, we were able to start this project as soon as our previous one was completed. While we started TNVR'ing colonies on our waiting list, we began marketing the project via social media. Throughout the duration of the project we received regular requests for help. We TNVR'd colony after colony through a complaint-driven approach. Already having an infrastructure in place with our resources, employees, and volunteers allowed us a quick and easy start. April 1, 2021-May 19, 2022: Working closely with caregivers, our trapper aimed to TNVR at least two colonies every 2 weeks. In order to stabilize each colony, we continuously trapped until ALL cats were caught. All cats were transported to one of our facilities where they were sterilized, vaccinated (rabies & FVRCP), received flea and parasite treatment, ear-tipped, and provided additional medical care if needed. Feral cats were released and friendly cats and kittens placed for adoption.

Accomplishments

1.) TNVR'd 765 cats. 2.) Relief on shelter intake and complaint calls to animal control. 3.) We estimate that this project prevented the birth of roughly 1900 kittens that would have otherwise been born. 4.) Hundreds of cats/kittens were held and placed for adoption. 5.) Many cats received life-saving and life-changing medical care. Some additional surgeries performed on cats brought in through this project included but were not limited to: entropion repair, enucleations, dentals, polyp removal, and leg amputation (pictured above).

Lessons Learned

1.) Communication is key. There are many volunteers involved in order to pull off a project of this magnitude. It is very important everyone is on the same page and is aware of the grant guidelines. 2.) We are living in unprecedented times. It is best to get an early start on the project in case of clinical delays related to the pandemic.

Attachments (proof of surgeries performed)



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