

# SPAYVA 2023 REPORT



## INTRODUCTION

SpayVA, a program of the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, is dedicated to collaborating with shelters, local governments, rescue groups, and private veterinarians. Our mission is to ensure that pet owners and caregivers across Virginia have easy and affordable access to spay/neuter services. By spaying or neutering your pet, you may be giving your pet the gift of a healthier and happier life AND you will be preventing unwanted and unplanned litters of puppies and kittens from being added to the hundreds of dogs and cats already in Virginia shelters.

In 2023, SpayVA, thanks to the support of our generous donors, had the privilege of allocating \$50,000 to 39 VFHS member organizations. This funding resulted in over 800 animals receiving spay/neuter services. The impact of this initiative was profound, and numerous organizations enthusiastically shared their success stories, shedding light on how these funds positively influenced their spay/neuter programs.



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## FANCY CATS & DOGS RESCUE TEAM



**\$1000 ~ 25 CATS & 1 DOG**

This grant has helped us accept an extra 26 animals from SW VA shelters that do not provide medical or sterilization and allowed us to place more animals in loving homes.



## ANIMAL RESOURCES OF TIDEWATER, SPAY HAMPTON ROADS (SPAYHR) PROGRAM



**\$1000 ~ 11 CATS & 2 DOGS**

Grant funding helped our general program to spay/neuter pets and community/feral cats in Portsmouth, VA. The city of Portsmouth does not have a nonprofit spay/neuter clinic, our program has directed current and previous grant funding for the Portsmouth community as a way to assist residents in affording spay/neuter services. A portion of grant funding was spent towards a dedicated community/feral cat clinic that SpayHR organized and co-sponsored on June 23. Grant funding was used to spay/neuter four (4) Portsmouth community/feral cats at the clinic. SpayHR is grateful for VFHS' support!

## ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF THE NORTHERN NECK



**\$2000 ~ 12 CATS & 9 DOGS**

The grant was very helpful in addressing the needs of the four counties of the Northern Neck where the Animal Welfare League works closely with shelters and citizens.





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## FERAL AFFAIRS NETWORK

**\$1000 ~ 13 CATS**



The funds of this grant were used to cover the cost of spay/neuter surgeries of community cats from various cat colonies throughout Hampton Roads, ensuring that the positive impact on communities has been evenly spread and very much appreciated.

Grants like this one are extremely valuable to organizations such as FAN, because not only do they provide some financial relief, they also give us a boost of confidence knowing we have VFHS on our side.

## PETS BRING JOY

**\$1000 ~ 14 CATS**



We received \$1000 in spay/neuter funding from the SpayVA program in April 2023. These funds, arriving just at the start of this year's kitten season, helped us to fund sterilization surgeries for 14 animals in our care, including several mothers and their entire litters.

We pulled Hibiscus and her 4 kittens from a crowded shelter in April 2023. She came to them pregnant and gave birth under harrowing shelter conditions, so we were delighted to take this needy family into foster care. Kittens Daphne, Daffodil, Orchid and Pansy as well as Mama Hibiscus were spayed at Wolftrap Animal Hospital in Merrifield, VA. The kittens have found forever homes, with Daphne and Daffodil going home together, and Orchid and Pansy doing the same. We are delighted that they will get to stay together in pairs, and Mama Hibiscus hopes to meet her own forever family soon. She adores human children, so we think she'll make the perfect family pet for someone soon.

## KINDESS MATTERS RESCUE, INC.

**\$1000 ~ 5 CATS & 9 DOGS**



This was our first organized outreach for spay/neuter although we have helped individual pet owners spay and neuter in the past. We posted an application on FB, prioritized those getting federal assistance and scheduled 2 dates. We did 6 animals the first, another 8 on the second date.

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## THE FLOYD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

*\$2000 ~ 24 CATS & 10 DOGS*



Our sincere thank you to The Virginia Federation of Humane Societies for their generous grant! We have spayed and neutered almost 34 pets with the funds, helping our rural community of Floyd County lower the overpopulation problem. Every month our organization hosts a transport vehicle, making the trip to our nearest low cost spay-neuter clinic more accessible to residents. We appreciate the support of The Federation and the wide variety of resources they provide.

Above is Grayson - a stray cat that benefited from your generous grant.

## CAT ACTION TEAM

*\$2000 ~ 27 CATS*



This grant money of \$2,000 went toward spaying females at a colony in New Canton, Buckingham County. When we came in, there were probably 30 cats, many pregnant or already with kittens, mostly feral. The grant really helped us get a jump start on getting the females spayed. We also pulled several litters of kittens and rehomed them.

Lucille is one of the female cats with kittens we were able to pull from the colony. Her kittens were adopted and she went on to be a wet nurse for another litter whose mother was killed. Lucille turned into a complete love bug and is now awaiting a home of her own.





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## ROCKBRIDGE SPCA

*\$1000 ~ 10 CATS & 3 DOGS*



Thank you for the spay and neuter help for the areas of Rockbridge County, City of Lexington and the City of Beuna Vista. We appreciate your support and selecting us for this Grant Program.



## TWIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



*\$1000 ~ 16 CATS*

The funding provided by SpayVA helped to provide Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return to a small community's resident cat colony, ensuring that the colony stays small and healthy! Residents of the small town of Fries, located in southwest Virginia, had been caring for a small colony of cats near the town square, but didn't have the means for spay or neuter. They were thrilled that the Twin County Humane Society, with help from SpayVA, was able to work with them to trap, vaccinate, and spay or neuter the cats, and return them back to their community where they will continue to be loved and cared for!





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## BEDFORD CARES

**\$2000 ~ 47 CATS**



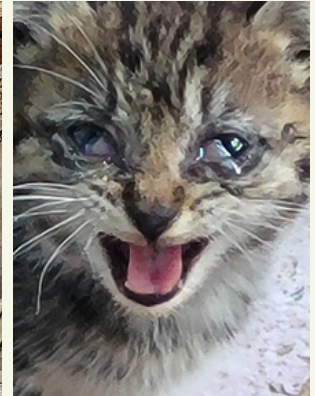
Thank you so very much for allowing us to be a part of this Grant Cycle. Here are just a few pictures of those we helped.



This old man has had many names. He came from one of the worst places you can imagine. Awful teeth, not seeing very well and deaf. When I snatched him, I named him Old Man. Another volunteer who has also trapped the specific location numerous times, renamed him Liam, as that name means strong-willed warrior. And then on to his foster family who called him Grizz. Regardless of all the names and his gentlemanly age, Grizz went to his forever home and will spend the remainder of his elderly days living his best life!

## ALLEGHANY HUMANE SOCIETY

**\$2000 ~ 12 CATS 8 & 10 DOGS**



## MADISON COMMUNITY CATS

**\$1000 ~ 10 CATS**



Our goal at the time the funds were received was to spay as many females as possible preventing pregnancy/birth of more litters of spring kittens. We appreciate the funding from VFHS.



Vanessa was one of the cats we took for spay with our VFHS funding. Her left ear was already mangled giving her a "Van Gough" look.

She was super friendly and we didn't want to return her to the colony where the caretaker was in bad health. Vanessa was recently adopted into a loving home of her own.



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## HIGHLAND HUMANE SOCIETY

**\$1000 ~ 9 CATS & 4 DOGS**



We utilized the SpayVA funding to s/n 100% of the cats on a local Amish farm preventing an explosion of litters there in the future. HCHS was also able to provide this service with our volunteer transporters!

We are so very grateful for your continued support to rural organizations!



## SYMTH COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

**\$2000 ~ 21 CATS & 11 DOGS**



The Smyth County Humane Society provides financial assistance for almost 1,000 animals annually. Even with access to the low-cost Margaret B. Mitchell Spay/Neuter Clinic, this is our largest expense. Grants and donations make this possible.

The Smyth County Humane Society was able to assist 32 total animals with the 2023 grant of \$2,000. We schedule, coordinate, and load/unload the Margaret Mitchell Spay/Neuter Clinic van twice each month. Cassie sent 3 of her cats on the van, and had this to say, "They (SCHS) assisted me in helping to spay/neuter 3 kitties that I love so much. Vet care here is far away and expensive. They provided a van to take the cats where they needed to go and brought them back the next day.



Like most people here, I couldn't have had them altered without their help. I can never express how truly grateful I have been for their assistance."



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## CATS CRADLE OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY



**\$1000 ~ 10 CATS**

As we all know, the need for TNR in Virginia is daunting. This year, we started "Targeted TNR" and it has made a huge difference in our success. We have been partnering with the Harrisonburg-Rockingham SPCA with a voucher program for community cats and Anicura for S/N surgeries and additional trapping support in the city of Harrisonburg.

Each year we facilitate over 3,100 spay/neuter surgeries in the counties of Augusta, Page and Rockingham. This year, our TNR program alone is trending to spay and neuter over 1,000 community cats. We used the funds from our grant to spay and neuter 10 cats in Augusta County.



## PAWS OF SW VA



**\$2000 ~ 43 CATS & 32 DOGS**

The Spay VA Grant program is a godsend to rescues such as ours embedded in rural communities where spay/neuter is still not a priority for so many; particularly with the financial struggles and poverty level in our counties. We know the only way to reduce the population of dogs and cats is spay/neuter. Utilizing the Margaret Mitchell Spay/Neuter clinic and matching \$20 funds contributed by Animal Defense League, we were able to help 75 pets be spayed/neutered. We are thankful and appreciative of the Spay VA program.





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## GOOCHLAND PET LOVERS



**\$1000 ~ 5 CATS & 5 DOGS**

GPL is grateful for the SpayVA grant. There has been a significant increase in the number of animals entering the Goochland County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center in the past year. In the upcoming year it is expected to exceed 1,400 animals. Support like this enables us to spay and neuter (or provide vouchers) for all dogs and cats in need of these procedures. While this grant funded 6 spays and 4 neuters, a total of 85 procedures were done from April 2023-September 2023 for 38 cats and 47 dogs (55 total neuters and 30 spays).



This brindle pup, named French Toast, was in a kill shelter and scheduled for euthanasia. She was brought to the Goochland County Animal Shelter (our partners). French Toast has been spayed and will soon be ready for adoption. The funds received from VFHS help us to care for animals like French Toast. Thank you!

## ORANGE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY OF VA



**\$1000 ~ 5 CATS & 5 DOGS**

Our TNVR program is up 31% over 2022 and will most likely be a record year by the end of 2023. This grant helped provide the additional funds necessary to meet this high demand. The support that comes from this program is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Lupin was rescued from a parking lot, starving. Now after being neutered & vetted, he is living in his forever home.



Toby was rescued close to death. He was neutered and vetted and now lives in his forever home.

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## ANICIRA VETERINARY CENTER

Anicira

**\$1000 ~ 8 DOGS**

This grant supported Anicira's Pit Fix program which provides Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes residing in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County to receive \$40 spay/neuter surgeries. The program was created to help address the over-representation of homeless Pit Bulls and mixes in our community.



## OPERATION PAWS FOR HOMES



**\$1000 ~ 14 CATS & 11 DOGS**

The photos below are from recent spay days OPH has held in Gloucester, VA to utilize the Grant received in 2023. We can't thank you enough for awarding this grant to us. This allowed us to get ourselves established in this community by offering free alters along with extremely low cost vaccines to allow the public to come out and see what it was all about. Thank you for allowing OPH to help reduce the unwanted litters!



## ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY,



**\$1000 ~ 42 CATS & 8 DOGS**

Part of ADL's mission is to relieve suffering of animals. The overpopulation problem in Southwest Virginia is a definite issue causing unbearable suffering to the cats and dogs. We focus on providing financial assistance the resident's of S W Virginia. The Federation grant always helps in completing our mission. The program is called ADL's Spay/Neuter Assistance Program. January-September, 2023, we have provided assistance to 3,336 animals. This grant furthered our partnerships with other S/N groups/programs in SW VA, to include Wise County Humane Society, Holly Help S/N Fund, PAWS of Southwest Virginia, Smyth County Humane Society and Scott County Humane.





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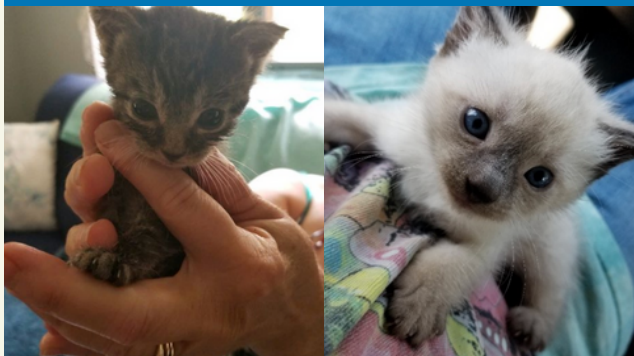


## SPCA OF PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY



**\$1000 ~ 35 CATS**

SPCA of Pittsylvania County is an all-volunteer rescue group. All of our funding comes from donations and grants. We are very grateful for the grant that we received from VHS/Spay VA to assist with our TNR program, as well as the continuing support that we receive from VFHS in so many ways. The TNR service that we provide in the Danville/Pittsylvania County community is being received with much enthusiasm and appreciation. There is so much to do and we work every day helping as many as we can. In addition to helping the cats and the property owners with overpopulation, we often find kittens in the TNR colonies that are old enough to be weaned but still young enough to tame. The property owners happily release them into our care. Below are pictures of a couple of the precious kittens that were released into our care from feral cat colonies.



## HELPING HOMELESS FELINES

**\$1000 ~ 12 CATS**

## CULPEPER HUMANE SOCIETY



**\$1000 ~ 13 CATS**

**SPAYVA GRANT- Divine Gift**  
Our SPAYVA Grant check arrived like a gift from above. It allowed us to return immediately to finish a huge colony we were working on. The best part was that on that final trapping we discovered a tiny sick litter that we took into our foster program. Wretched URI, loaded with fleas, emaciated, filthy- the vet gave them a small chance for full recovery. But it was a chance we took and look at them today! A very special thank you to SPAYVA who we credit for that 3rd trapping and saving these precious darlings.



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## THE COMMUNITY CAT ALLIANCE



**\$2000 ~ 27 CATS**

May was a busy month, we had a mass trapping planned and we had earmarked the grant for early spring as we knew we would need it to cover spay/neuters. Having this grant in hand gave us confidence we could meet our trapping goals. The VFHS grant only covered a portion of the spay/neuter surgeries we did in May but it was an important piece of our funding landscape. Thank you!



## SWEET VIRGINIA BARN CATS



**\$1000 ~ 22 CATS & 8 DOGS**

This grant was a huge blessing to our rural community. We have no local low cost spay and neuter clinics.

## CENTRAL VIRGINIA REGIONAL RESCUE



**\$1000 ~ 13 CATS**

We used the funds from this grant to help cover the cost of our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. Our TNR program was created to help and improve the lives of local, unowned community cats through TNR, education, and advocacy of humane cat population control & the importance of spay/neuter. We are dedicated to preventing cat & kitten suffering by humanely reducing the homeless cat population. Residents and businesses reach out to us for assistance, and our teams help trap the cats, transport them to the clinic where they are spayed/neutered, given a rabies vaccine, & ear-tipped for identification, and then the cats are returned to their original location. We at CVRR sincerely appreciate the funding as it helped completely cover the cost of 13 surgeries.

## HUMANE SOCIETY OF WARREN COUNTY



**\$1000 ~ 10 CATS & 2 DOGS**

The HSWC has an "Intake Diversion Project" that consists of several special programs including Spay it Forward, Hand in Paw, and TNVR. The Hand in Paw program provides emergency vet funding to owned animals and supplies our pet food pantry. TNVR is for feral/community cats. All of these special programs are vital to not only the shelter, but to the community and they all aid in keeping pets out of the overcrowded shelter system. The grant funding was used to support our "Spay it Forward" fund which pays for spay/neuter surgeries of owned pets.



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## ANIMAL CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



**\$1000 ~ 5 CATS & 7 DOGS**

This grant was used for our low cost veterinary assistance program. We require that pets we assist be spayed or neutered, this is a key component of our mission.



## GREEN DOGS UNLEASHED



**\$1000 ~ 12 CATS & 5 DOGS**

We are incredibly thankful for this program as Fluvanna County lacks funding for low cost spay and neuter. We have been able to assist community members in need by bringing affordable care to their animals and helping TNR cats in Fluvanna County. Some of the cats we assisted with were able to be moved into foster as well to work towards adoption.

## NORTHERN ACCOMACK COMMUNITY CATS



**\$1000 ~ 14 CATS**



## OLD DOMINION HUMANE SOCIETY



**\$1500 ~ 7 DOGS**

This grant was used for an outreach program to help get dogs fixed in order to help any behavior issues in an effort for Owners to keep their animals vs giving them up to a rescue or shelter.

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## HUMANE SOCIETY OF SHENANDOAH COUNTY



**\$1000 - 17 CATS**

In mid-April, HSSC was contacted by the local shelter to help a lady who called the shelter with over 30 cats and kittens that needed to come into foster. She also needed assistance fixing several cats she wanted to keep. Thankfully, HSSC was not in the height of kitten season yet and was able to distribute all of the moms and kittens into our Homeward Bound Foster & Placement program.

When we arrived on the property, there were kittens crammed in crates trying to nurse off very exhausted and tired moms. The family was trying to do the right thing by containing them so they would not escape and continue to breed, but were overwhelmed and did not have the proper resources to care for all so many. This grant allowed HSSC to fix the remaining (and last) four males that the family brought on our May spay and neuter transport to Anicura Veterinary Center!! Thank you so much!!!



## GARFIELD'S RESCUE, INC



**\$1000 - 19 CATS**

The grant funds were used to spay and neuter 19 cats/kittens from a colony of 54 cats. The owner fed the cats and enjoyed their company but realized that the numbers of cats were growing quickly and she could not afford to keep feeding large numbers of cats. She contacted Garfield's Rescue Inc. to help her with payment, transport and spay/neuter costs.

Garfield's Rescue Inc. has rescued, fostered and adopted out approximately 1460 cats/kittens since March 2020. We do not have any source of consistent income and depend on donations and grant funding to shelter, feed and provide medical care for homeless foster cats. We thank you for providing funding to enable Garfield's to spay/neuter a total of 19 cats/kittens.

## WINCHESTER AREA SPCA



**\$1000 - 14 CATS**

The Winchester Area SPCA ensures ALL pets are spay/neutered prior to adoption. This is done in an effort to stop unplanned litters and end pet homelessness. The SpayVA grant allowed us to alter 14 female cats in preparation for adoption. All 14 of the kitties have been adopted. Thank you.



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## SCOTT COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC



*\$2000 ~ 33 DOGS*

The SpayVA Grant Program confirms with our small organization that we have the support of the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies to help fulfill their goal of ending the euthanasia of healthy adoptable dogs in the state of Virginia. Thank you to Alice O'Conner and Debra Griggs for your continued support of the work we do in Scott County Virginia to save and improve the lives of shelter dogs.

The grant helped us by providing the needed funds to get more shelter dogs spayed and neutered and then moved to other rescues with more exposure resources or to adopters.

## FRIENDS OF RUSSELL COUNTY ANIMALS



*\$2000 ~ 11 CATS & 7 DOGS*

Thank you for your continued support for the people and pets from Russell County, Virginia. We appreciate your commitment to our region and the hard work you do bring funding to small organizations like ours.

This funding helped support our existing spay/neuter program which covers free services for pets living in low-income homes. The services were performed at Angels of Assisi in Roanoke. Spay/neuter is our program with the highest demand and plays a critical role in reducing shelter intake and keeping pets healthier in Russell County.

## WISE COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE COALITION, INC



*\$1000 ~ 6 CATS & 9 DOGS*

Our focus was spaying & neutering animals in Dickenson County. We would love to see more funds allocated to Southwest VA where the resources to obtain affordable spay & neuter are so limited.



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## SUPPORT SPAYVA

We invite you to contribute to SpayVA and support our ongoing spay/neuter initiatives in 2024. Your tax deductible donation will enable us to continue making a positive impact in the lives of pets and contributing to the overall well-being of our communities. Together, we can create a healthier and happier environment for animals in need. Thank you for considering a donation to SpayVA.

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