

SPAYVA 2025 REPORT



INTRODUCTION

SpayVA, a program of the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, works hand-in-hand with shelters, rescue groups, local governments, and private veterinarians to make spay/neuter services accessible and affordable for pet owners and caregivers across the Commonwealth. Spaying or neutering not only gives pets the gift of a healthier, happier life—it also helps prevent countless unwanted litters from entering already crowded shelters.



The stories we've received from our partners make it clear—this support is changing lives for pets, their families, and the communities they live in.



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ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF THE NORTHERN NECK



\$5000 ~

50 CATS & 8 DOGS

The Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck (AWL) works with the four Northern Neck counties (Westmoreland, Northumberland, Lancaster and Richmond) to fund spay/neuter surgeries for all cats and dogs placed in new homes through county shelters. Additionally, AWL supports all residents of the Northern Neck with either 100% financial support or partial payment of the spay/neuter surgery depending on the financial status of the owner.



LYNCHBURG HUMANE SOCIETY



\$3000 ~ 40 CATS

The Lynchburg Humane Society is so grateful for the life saving spay/neuter grant from VFHS. LHS offers these surgeries to dramatically reduce the number of unwanted pets in our communities, many of whom ultimately end up homeless in our shelter.

By funding spay and neuter surgeries, the grant ensured that community cats received professional veterinary care, leading to improved overall health and well-being via the most humane treatment and care.

Our program also included post-operative care and monitoring, ensuring that cats were safely returned to their colonies in better health



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ANIMAL RESOURCES OF TIDEWATER

\$1000 ~ 13 CATS



Thank you to SpayVA for helping our Spay Hampton Roads Program assist members of the community in spaying and neutering their owned/indoor cats and community/outdoor cats. We used grant funds in conjunction with operating funds for a sponsored spay/neuter clinic day with one of our clinic partners, Grant Veterinary Care in Chesapeake, VA. In total, 22 cats were spayed/neutered, with grant funding used towards 13 of those surgeries. Clinic "patients" included a mix of cats. Three cats came from a large, previously unmanaged colony; we are helping the new caretakers spay/neuter as many cats as possible under our regular TNR Program. Four cats came from Feral Affairs Network as part of their adoption and TNR programs. We also had a handful of friendly neighborhood strays being taken in as pets. Grant Veterinary Care donated Rabies vaccinations for all cats and triple tests for all indoor cats.

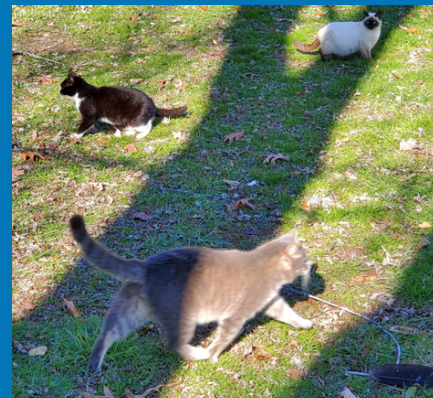


CAT ACTION TEAM

\$1000 ~ 13 CATS



Thanks to the Spay/VA grant we received in April, we were able to TNVR 13 cats (8 females; 5 males) in a large colony we are working on in Buckingham County.

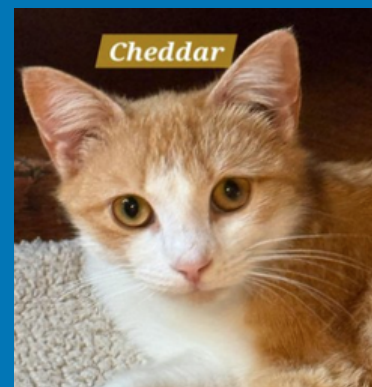


FUREVER FRIENDS LODGE

\$1000 ~ 20 CATS



Our small community rescue, Furever Friends Lodge in Buena Vista, VA provides a low cost spay and neuter program funded by a SpayVA grant, additional donations and fund raising activities to help combat the abundance of cats and kittens in our community.



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CAT'S CRADLE OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY



\$1000 ~ 19 CATS & 9 DOGS

🎉 Big news! Thanks to a \$1,000 grant from SpayVA AND a \$3,000 win at the "Sing Your Balls Off" karaoke competition 🎵, we were able to TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) 54 cats in Mount Solon, VA!

This small town loves its cats—but like many communities, they were overwhelmed by how fast just a couple of unaltered cats turned into many. ❤️ With partial funding in place, we were able to step in and help both the cats and their caretakers.

We canvassed the area with door hangers to make sure no colony was left behind, and in March/April 2025, we got to work!

Every dollar makes a difference. Thank you for supporting our mission to reduce suffering and improve lives. 🐱❤️ #TNR #CommunityCats #SpayNeuter #AnimalRescue #Grateful #MountSolonCats



HALIFAX DOG SQUAD



\$1000 ~ 1 CAT & 11 DOGS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies for their generous gift, which has provided essential support for spaying and neutering animals in need.

With this assistance, we were able to spay and neuter 11 additional animals this year. These efforts have a direct impact, helping to reduce the number of puppies that might otherwise have been born and left without care.

Our community is located in a rural area, where the number of unwanted animals continues to grow. We are dedicated to saving these animals one at a time, and with your continued support, we are slowly making a difference.



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GOOCHLAND COMMUNITY CATS



\$1000 ~ 14 CATS

In July 2025, Goochland Community Cats responded to the most severe colony we have seen since 2017. A call about “28 cats” quickly became more than 50. Over two days in extreme heat, we trapped 25 cats, had them spayed/neutered and vetted, and identified 11 kittens and several sick adults who could not be returned to the colony.

Within 48 hours, we discovered multiple litters of critically ill kittens—some near death from dehydration, anemia, and untreated infections. Thanks to immediate veterinary intervention and foster placement, most survived, though one adult had to be humanely euthanized due to an old, painful injury. By week’s end, we had rescued more than 20 kittens and provided urgent medical care to dozens of cats who would otherwise have suffered and died unseen.

This crisis illustrates the ongoing need for our work. GCC is the only organization in Goochland conducting large-scale Trap-Neuter-Return and rescue of feral cats. Without our intervention, these cats would have continued to breed, spreading illness and adding to the county’s homeless cat population. Funding ensures we can respond quickly, provide lifesaving medical care, and give every cat—feral or friendly—the best possible chance at a healthy life.

CENTRAL VIRGINIA REGIONAL RESCUE



**\$1000 ~ 17 CATS &
3 DOGS**

We at CVRR sincerely appreciate the funding as it helped completely cover the cost of 20 surgeries. We have more spay/neuter requests than we have the time, human resources, and finances to cover. Your generosity has helped our community by reducing the amount of unwanted litters, ideally improving the health of the respective animals.



\$1000 ~ 8 CATS & 3 DOGS

Without the support of the SpayVa grant funding, the number of pets receiving reduced or free spay/neuter would be dramatically decreased. Programs like “Spay It Forward” are vital to the community and helps reduce owner surrenders into the overcrowded shelter system.

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JEEPIN' FOR PAWS



\$1000 ~ 14 CATS

Diamond and her five kittens were able to receive care thanks to the SpayVA grant. While Diamond proved to be an amazing mama, she'll never have to worry about raising kittens again. With both her and her babies now spayed and neutered, there will be fewer homeless cats in our county—making a lasting impact for years to come.



NORTHERN ACCOMACK COMMUNITY CATS



\$1000 ~ 20 CATS

We used the funds from this grant to help cover the costs for our TNR program. We are a grassroots organization formed in Accomack County to help address the health and welfare of community cats and the needs of their caregivers. Our Vision seeks to support our community cats and their caregivers through low-cost TNR services, connection with local resources, public outreach, and advocacy. We at NACC, truly appreciate the funding as it helped us cover the cost of 20 surgeries.



\$1000 ~ 10 CATS & 5 DOGS

Ten years ago, HCHS assisted an elderly couple in our county with barn cat TNR. Recently, some new faces showed up. With the generosity of the SpayVA grant, HCHS was able to provide free spay/neuter services for ALL of the Jones farm cats, as well as take in some kittens. Thank you, VFHS!



MADISON COMMUNITY CATS - MAD CATS



\$1000 ~ 13 CATS

Cat Taxi Tuesday is our weekly Spay/Neuter transport for approximately 20 felines. We meet in Culpeper at the Ole Country Store with a mix of our (TNR) trapped cats and domestic cats/kittens in carriers. On May 20th we transported 21 cats to FRED SPCA including 12 females and 9 males. We applied our grant to this invoice.



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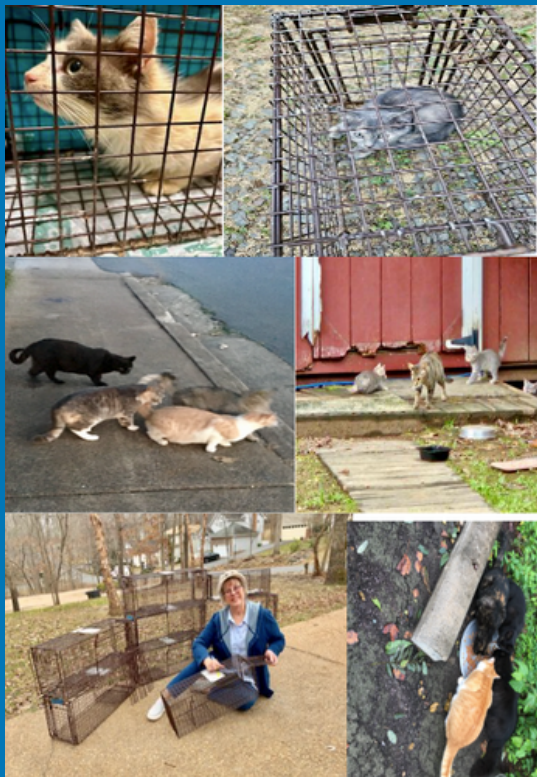
ORANGE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



\$1000 ~ 11 CATS & 1 DOG

The grant provided \$1000 of funding so to complete S/N on 193 community cats and 5 dogs through July

Funding is essential but more of a challenge is finding appointments. In August, Paradocs is closed to surgeries due to a flood, Orange Vet has their two Vets on PTO 2 weeks each, CASPCA is only taking in county animals, Kincheloe Clinic is also taking only in county animals. We are asking citizens to call back in September.



PETS LIMITED, INC



\$1000 ~ 17 CATS

We help hardship cases. Financially compromised individuals/rescuers have difficulty in paying for cats that may have kittens which makes even low-cost services unaffordable for multiple cats. We help by subsidizing the s/n and have them contribute to the cost of the other services. At times (i.e. TNR) we may also absorb the cost of the other services. I am forwarding a photo of 2 kitties taken by Martha Roberts that were altered through the grant.

If we did NOT help people who are willing to have a cat with kittens spayed, the kittens would likely be given to others who would not have them altered. Catastrophic!



These siblings are two of a litter of 6 that were rescued from a backyard in Woodbridge. Getting their surgeries paid for was a big financial help to their foster, who will use her personal funds to spay and neuter the rest of the litter. Then she will find them adoptive homes to ensure these lucky furbabies will not continue the stray cat breeding cycle!

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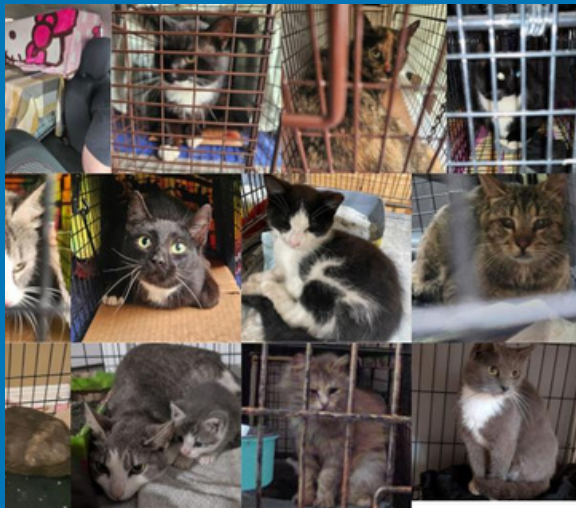


SHADY'S PAW ANIMAL RESCUE



\$1000 ~ 14 CATS

The SpayVA grant made 14 spay and neuters possible and, as a result, saved many thousands of lives. We have been steady working on a colony of over 100 the last 3 years, as funds are available, so this grant allowed us to take 10 cats at once to lead a healthier, more carefree existence on their colony. TNR is often thankless, tireless work. For every cat you fix, there are 10 more kittens born in a colony, but that is not the focus, the focus is on the ones that weren't born as a result of your efforts into a life of uncertainty, illness, and fear. Thank you Spay VA!



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please visit our website:**

WWW.SPAYVA.ORG

SOUTHSIDE SPCA



\$1000 ~ 10 DOGS

These funds are greatly appreciated in helping to supplement our programs. Thank you SpayVA for all your efforts.

Two incredible families adopted incredible sister pups. Both adopters had suffered a loss recently, their beloved family pets had passed. They came to us to fill that void in their hearts and homes. These adoptions were a little extra special because these two pups were dumped on the side of the road. Literally. A truck was seen opening their door, and dropping them out. With the limited information available, animal control continues to investigate. We hope one day they will be caught and pay for what they did. But most importantly, they are safe. They are now both where they are supposed to be. The icing on the cake is that the families have shared contact information so that they can keep in touch. We hope that Midori (left) and Shandy (right) will have many happy years with their new families!



SPCA OF PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY



\$1000 ~ 19 CATS

SPCA of Pittsylvania County would like to thank you, VFHS/Spay VA, for \$1000 grant funds to help with our TNR program in the Danville/Pittsylvania County community. Your support is instrumental in helping us reduce the population of feral cats for our citizens. Your generosity enables us to continue our program in this area, improving the quality of life for the cats, their caretakers and the community where we all live. We are truly grateful for your commitment to animal welfare in Virginia and for your support of our work.

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ANICIRA VETERINARY CENTER

Anicira

\$10,000 ~ 151 DOGS

Thanks to support from the SpayVA grant, Anicira's Pit Fix Program provided free spay and neuter surgeries for 151 Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes in just five months. This lifesaving program helps reduce shelter intake and promotes equity by supporting pet families most impacted by breed-specific barriers.



GLOUCESTER- MATHEWS HUMANE SOCIETY



\$5000 ~ 84 CATS

Thanks to funding from SpayVA, the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society (GMHS) was able to expand Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) services into underfunded areas beyond our immediate region — where assistance is urgently needed. With this generous support, GMHS altered 84 cats across 10 counties, helping to reduce overpopulation, improve community cat health, and create more sustainable, compassionate outcomes for animals and residents alike. We're deeply grateful to SpayVA for their partnership in making a lasting difference for cats and the communities that care for them.



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FRIENDS OF TAZEVELL COUNTY COMMUNITY CATS, INC



\$3000 ~ 86 CATS

We sincerely appreciate your donation toward our goal of spay/neuter and vaccination of feral and community cats in Tazewell County. We realized the need for our program through meeting individuals who were feeding community cats and learning of multiple colonies in our community that needed help. Our county is rural and low income. The individuals who feed colonies are dedicated to feeding and caring for them, but often lack resources to get the cats and kittens TNR'd. As cat owners, we understood the need and sought to start our group to help get these colonies TNR'd to stop the breeding and suffering and as a result decrease the numbers of cats in our county. We have done over 3000 cats in 3 years between TNR and using Angels of Assisi Bus Runs. We are TNRing cats with clinics and also helping the community by sponsoring a Bus for owned cats through Angels of Assisi. We attempt to fill the bus by putting 25 ferals on bus along with 50 owned cats monthly.

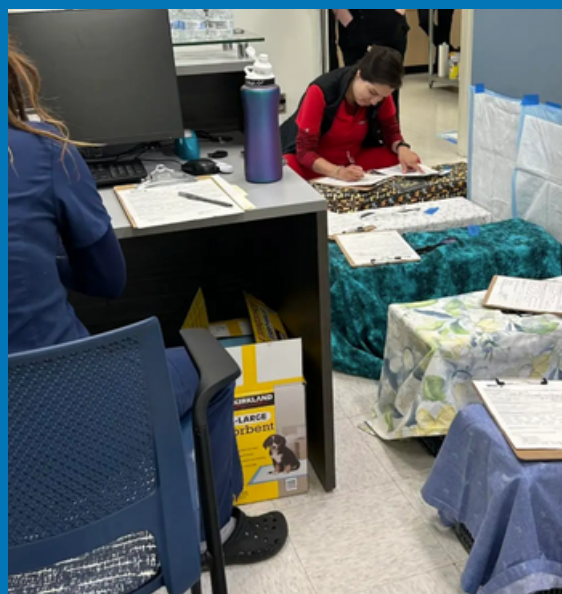


WINCHESTER AREA SPCA



\$3000 ~ 38 CATS

Funding from the SpayVA grant was utilized to support Winchester Area SPCA Pets for Life clients and their pets. Pets for Life is the WASPCA's pet retention program. Generally, the program provides pet food, supplies, pet deposits, and financial assistance for veterinary needs to pet owners in crisis who are at risk of surrendering their pets. The program is supported through designated donations and grants. This grant allowed for 38 cats belonging to Pets for Life clients to receive spay/neuter surgeries. These 38 cats will never again have an unwanted litter. The clients will no longer have to offer "Free Kittens" or deal with yowling and spraying. These funds will positively impact intake numbers at the shelter and have made life better for these families.



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ALLEGHANY HUMANE SOCIETY



\$1000 ~ 17 CATS & 16 DOGS

The grant funds were used to reduce the cost for spay and neutering of public owned pets in our community.

As competition for grant funds intensifies due to the huge need for animal welfare assistance across the US, we are very grateful for the funds we received from VFHS in order to continue our mission to help pets and the people who love them.

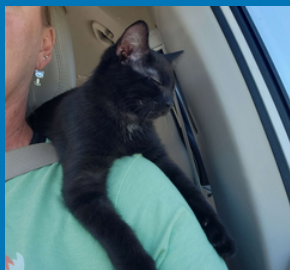


BEDFORD CARES TNR



\$1000 ~ 40 CATS

Bedford Cares TNR'd 1,203 cats in 2024. We are currently at 827 for 2025, anticipating over 1,000 for the 2025. Thank you for providing us with the grant money. We have spent every penny in helping the feral cats of our County.



ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY



\$1000 ~ 39 CATS & 11 DOGS

ADL was instrumental in helping to start the Margaret B. Mitchell Spay/Neuter Clinic in partnership with other humane organizations in the region, primarily the Bristol Humane Society. The goal was to reduce the number of animals entering our local shelters. To that end, we have significantly reduced the euthanasia rate over the past 20 years, from 65% down to 8%. During 2024, ADL assisted 3,308 animals for surgeries. The VFHS grant provided some of the funding for these surgeries. Our spay/neuter program is ADL's main project during each year. We help anyone who asks for help.

The VFHS 2025 Grant helped ADL to assist on 3,308 spay/neuter surgeries. We partner with other humane organizations in SW VA / NE TN. Those organizations include the Holly Help S/N Fund, Wise County Humane Society, PAWS of SW VA, PAWS of Russell County, Smyth County Humane Society, Friends of Tazewell County Cats to name just a few groups. The financial need in SW VA is extreme and the number of animals needing assistance is huge; therefore, all grant dollars are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Federation.



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LOST FANTASY RESCUE

**\$1000 ~ 15 CATS &
14 DOGS**



Thanks to a grant given by the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, Lost Fantasy was able to pay for multiple community owned pets to be spayed/neutered at no cost to their owners. Many of the animals were often pregnant prior & this will help to end that cycle for them & their owners.

