



# Operation CatSnip

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## Program Guidelines:

This program is open to any Carroll County, MD farmer who has farm cats that need to be spayed/neutered, however, preference is given to farms with 10 cats or more and/or farms surrendering litters of kittens to the shelter. **No indoor domestic cats or non-agricultural feral cats/ colonies are eligible for this program.**

There is no cost to farmers who qualify with this program for spay/neuter services, however, donations are greatly appreciated!

The ultimate goal of this program is for each farm to have a 100% fixed cat population and to decrease the surrendering of kittens to the shelter. The program will assist farmers to get their existing farm cats spayed/neutered to get the population in check. After the farmer receives this free service, it is expected the farmer will continue to spay/neuter any new member to the colony.

**Operation CatSnip** is orchestrated completely by volunteers.

**In order for the program to run efficiently, each participating farm must be willing to:**

- Allow access to property to evaluate the situation, to trap and to return cats.
- Start and/or adhere to suggested feeding practices & times prior to trapping.
- Reduce activity around the trapping area during feeding and trapping times.
- Follow specific trapping and safety guidelines.
- Provide an enclosed & safe area to house the cats before and, if needed, after surgery.
- Allow rabies vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery and ear-tipping (to identify fixed cats)
- Accept the cats back to the property after spay/neuter surgery.
- Provide minimal post-surgical aftercare.
- Identify new cats to the property and have them spayed/neutered to continue to control the cat population.