



**HART for Animals, Inc.**  
*Lifesaver Spay/Neuter Program*

**Project #**  
**24-9007**

**Date of Report:** 1/13/2025

**Project Focus:** Owned Pets

**County(ies) Serviced:** Allegany County, Garrett County

**Total Number of Cats Spayed:** 103

**Total Number of Cats Neutered:** 99

**Total Number of Dogs Spayed:** 59

**Total Number of Dogs Neutered:** 41

**Total Number of Surgeries:** 302

**Amount Received:** \$26,745.00   **Amount Spent:** \$26,745.00   **Amount Remaining (to be returned):** \$0.00

**Project Synopsis:**

We are extremely grateful to receive this yearly grant. The grant allows us to offer a spay-neuter program to low-income residents who otherwise would not be able to afford to do so. Every year we see more spays than neuters which can change the number of each type and total of animals we do. However, we always try to get it as close as possible. For the past two years, we have seen a huge increase in the need for the program and have almost depleted the funds before we are even halfway through the year. This year proved to be the same. We always finish the surgeries by December to ensure we use all the available monies. This grant is very needed and much appreciated by the residents in our area and we are pleased to continue to receive it and offer assistance to those in need.

**Project Description:**

Each year we use the monies from the Maryland Spay Neuter grant to offer a low-income assistance program called Lifesaver to our residents in Allegany and Garrett County.

**Summary of Approach:**

After approval and receiving the grant, we then advertise that we are offering the low-assistance Lifesaver program to our local community. We then schedule the surgeries as the calls come in. We keep a spreadsheet of all surgeries that are performed and update daily as those surgeries are completed. We then report quarterly on the Maryland One-Stop portal to record what we have completed thus far. Once we are close to using up the funds we stop scheduling them and reconcile our numbers of what has been done and what is still scheduled in the future to ensure we do not go over the funds we have left. We then schedule what is needed to complete the year getting as close to the proposed numbers as possible. At the end of the year, we complete the final grant progress report.

**Accomplishments:**

This year we were able to spay/neuter 302 cats and dogs for low-income families who otherwise would not have been able to afford to. This helps us in completing our mission of saving the lives of homeless animals in our surrounding area, by eliminating unwanted litters of kittens and puppies that otherwise may have been conceived. We are very pleased to offer our assistance program with the help of this grant. It is very needed in our area as we are a very rural area and have many residents who need assistance.



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**Lessons Learned:**

Every year we get more comfortable with this program. We have seen a big increase in the need in the last couple of years so we have learned that we need to stop scheduling around June now to see where we are with our numbers. We have also learned there is a greater need each year for spays than there is for neuters. This is likely because it costs less to neuter an animal so the assistance is needed more with the females. We try to get as close to the proposed number of surgeries each year, but because of this, it varies a little.

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