



The Lifesaver Spay/Neuter Program

Project #

22-7007

County: MD

Number of Cats Spayed: 110

Number of Dogs Spayed: 47

Number of Cats Neutered: 97

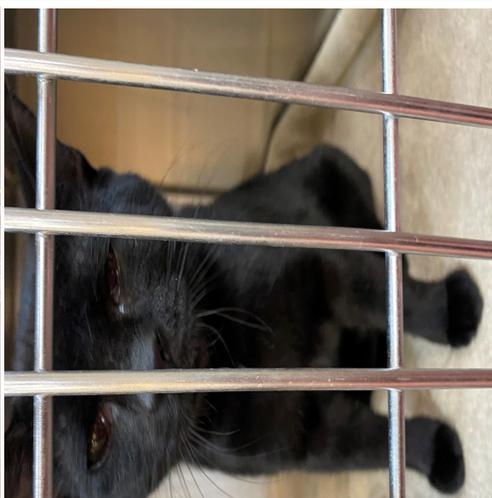
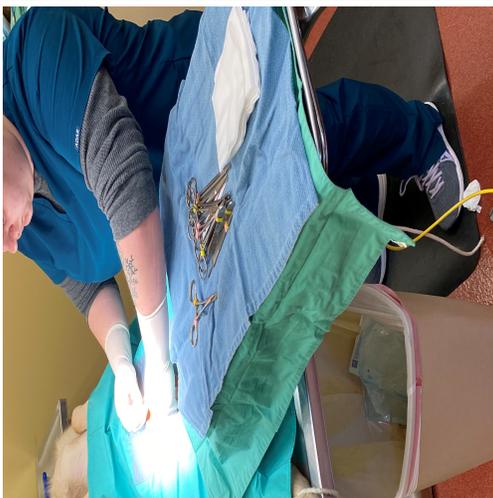
Number of Dogs Neutered: 54

Amount Received: \$26,985.00

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

With the funds from the Maryland Spay Neuter grant, HART For Animals Bredel Veterinary clinic was able to continue its Lifesaver no-cost program to our low-income residents in 2023. We were able to perform 308 no cost surgeries over the course of the year. This program goes hand in hand with our mission of saving the lives of homeless animals and we hope to continue this program for years to come.



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Civic Club of Oakland announces 2nd 'Anything Goes' event

From Staff Reports — The Civic Club of Oakland will be holding its second annual Anything Goes event on April 23 at the Oakland Community Center. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will feature a variety of activities, including a raffle, a silent auction, and a bake sale. The club is also accepting donations of household items, clothing, and books. The event is open to the public and is free of charge. For more information, contact the Civic Club at 410-424-1234 or visit www.civicclubofokland.com.

Student member named to Democratic committee

From Staff Reports — Lilla Rose, a student member of the Oakland County Democratic Central Committee, has been named to the committee's youth council. Rose, a senior at Oakland High School, was elected to the position during the committee's annual meeting. She will represent the youth members of the committee and will be involved in various community service projects. For more information, contact Lilla Rose at 410-424-1234.

HART for Animals receives Dept. of Agriculture spay/neuter grant

From Staff Reports — HART for Animals has received a grant from the Maryland Department of Agriculture to support its Lifesaver Spay/Neuter Program. The grant will be used to fund the program's operations for the next year. HART for Animals is a nonprofit organization that provides low-cost spay and neuter services to low-income residents in Maryland. The program has performed over 300 spay and neuter surgeries in 2021. For more information, contact HART for Animals at 410-424-1234.



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Project Description:

The MD Spay Neuter Grant enables HART to offer its Lifesaver No-Cost Spay/Neuter program to pets of low-income residents over the course of 2023. The program covers a target area of mostly Garrett and Allegany counties. The Bredel Clinic at the HART Center provided no-cost cat and dog spays and neuters. The surgeries included rabies vaccinations as needed, plus pre-surgery exams, and pre and post-surgical analgesics. All surgeries are performed with the same standard of care provided to all patients. An application and proof of financial eligibility were required prior to surgery.

Summary of Approach:

In the end of 2022, HART notified our local shelter and humane society about the return of the Lifesaver no-cost program in 2023. In addition, press releases are sent out and posters are distributed throughout the target area. As clients call our front desk receptionists to schedule spay/neuter surgeries, they were made aware of the assistance programs we offer to see what they would qualify for. Many repeat clients will specifically ask about the no-cost Lifesaver program. If they qualified, they were then added to the schedule and surgery would be performed at the scheduled date by either our head veterinarians, or our volunteer veterinarian who specifically comes to help with these programs. We report our results once a quarter. In July we updated our guidelines to be in line with the current years WIC Guidelines. Toward the end of the year we run reports to calculate how many more surgeries are remaining to be scheduled. Final grant reports are filed once completed.

Accomplishments:

The Bredel Clinic at the HART Center provided 308 no-cost cat and dog spays and neuters to low-income residents over the course of 2023. This goes hand in hand with our mission of saving the lives of homeless animals in our community as it puts a huge stop in the number of kittens and puppies being born and brought into our local shelters.



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Lessons Learned:

Thanks to the MD Spay Neuter grant, the HART for animals Bredel Veterinary clinic has provided the Lifesaver no-cost program to our low-income residents since 2014. We have completed over 3,200 surgeries since the beginning of the program. Each year we become more efficient and learn more. In 2022 we had not applied in time and therefore did not receive the grant. The greatest lesson we have learned is the extreme need for this program in our community and how grateful clients are that we have it to offer. All of this would not be possible without the MD Spay neuter grant, and we as well as our clients are forever grateful. We hope to continue the program for years to come.

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