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Press Release

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August 11, 2014. Hendersonville, NC. The Animal Welfare Alliance of Henderson County has been awarded a grant of \$2500 by the Community Foundation of Henderson County, AWA President Will McIntyre said today.

According to McIntyre, the grant will be used for the organization's Emergency Veterinary Assistance Program. "Working through local veterinarians, our program offers partial reimbursement for treatment costs of a pet's life-threatening medical services when pet-owners are having hard financial times," said McIntyre. EVA Cases are referred by participating veterinary practices who verify the animal's treatment needs, estimate costs, and submit an AWA EVA eligibility screening questionnaire. In 2012, the program served 43 cases and in 2013, 31 cases. "This generous grant will allow us to dramatically increase the number of animals we can help," said AWA board member Deni Gladioux McIntyre. "People can fall on financial hard times and still want their pets to be cared for when the animal gets sick. This program provides some help for those people."

Animal Welfare Alliance (AWA) of Henderson County was founded in 2000 by **Don and Rose Marie Gladioux** to help coordinate the efforts of animal welfare organizations in Henderson County, NC. Since that time, AWA has worked with veterinarians, animal health professionals, and community volunteers on initiatives that prevent or reduce animal suffering and assist low-income families in meeting their pet ownership responsibilities. The Community Foundation of Henderson County, founded in 1983, supports charitable programs in the greater Henderson County area.