



WILLOWICK PET FOOD PANTRY BY THE NUMBERS

Since September 2018, the Willowick Pet Food Pantry has issued 271 spay/neuter vouchers, representing 246 cats (of which, 33 were feral) & 96 dogs. Vouchers can cover multiple pets. The microchip program started in March 2020 & has issued 9 vouchers. The Pantry distributed 4,350 pounds of food in July 2020, for a total of 108,986 pounds since its inception in January of 2016! Since March 26, 2020, the Pantry's Medical Fund has paid \$1,398 for the care of 19 cats (one feral) & 3 dogs.

AUGUST PET FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Saturday, August 1st, 10a-12p
at Zaback-Williams-Ducro
Funeral Home
500 Prospect Rd.
Ashtabula, OH 44004

Saturday, August 22nd, 8-10a
at Willow Praise Church
32905 Vine Street
Willowick, 44095

Sunday, August 23rd, 1-3p
at PVO Clothing
1509 Mentor Avenue
Painesville, OH 44077

FREE SPAY/NEUTER & MICROCHIPPING

Vouchers will be provided for FREE spay/neuter & microchipping at the pet food distribution. Maximum of 2 pets per household. Surgery will be performed at PetFix in Euclid. You must be receiving government assistance. Please bring your photo ID and proof of assistance.

WISH LIST

Check the "Our Story" Section of our Facebook page to find our Amazon Wishlist. Order from the list and it will be shipped directly to the Pet Food Pantry!

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a website! Do you want to learn more about the many services we offer? Are you curious about upcoming events? Interested in volunteering, making a monetary donation, or want to read our newsletters? Please visit willowickpetfoodpantry.org for all of this and more!

FURRY FAMILY MEDICAL FUND

The Furry Family Medical fund covers cats and dogs only. Your pet must be ill and need to be seen by a veterinarian. The Pantry will pay \$50 for the office visit. For pets who need surgery the pantry will pay \$100. The maximum paid for a pet will be \$100. (e.g. \$50 for the visit plus \$50 for surgery). Any costs incurred for a pet who is not sick will not be covered. Proof of income is not required, however, we hope that only those in need will apply. Please send an email to the Pantry to apply.

PRESCRIPTION FOOD

The Willowick Pet Food Pantry has prescription dog/cat food. Prescription food is free of charge, but a prescription from your vet is required. If you are in need of prescription food for your dog or cat, please, send an email to the Pantry.

FUNNY BONE FEATURE

Q: What state has a lot of cats and dogs?

A: Pennsylvania!

Q: How does a cat sing scales?

A: Do-rey-mew!

Q: What is a cat's favorite subject in school?

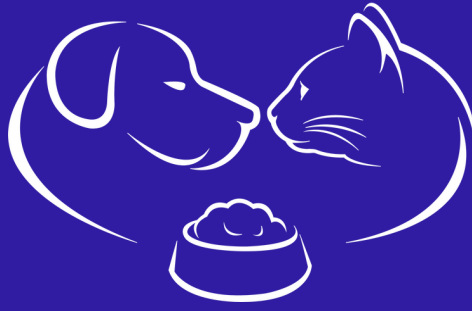
A: Hiss-tory!

GET INVOLVED

Do you like working with your hands? Join us the 4th Friday of each month at Willow Praise Church at 3pm to help us re-bag dog and cat food and set up the room for the distribution on Saturday. Send us a message if you would like to volunteer!

FOREVER IN MY HEART

Forever In My Heart is a program that help pet parents cover the cost of their pet crossing the Rainbow Bridge. We will contact your veterinarian to verify that the pet is terminally ill and requires assistance crossing the bridge. Any other reason does not qualify. You must be receiving gov't assistance, or have significant financial difficulty to qualify. Please visit the Services section of our website to learn how to apply for this assistance.



MY PET NEEDS A DENTAL CLEANING. WHAT IS THAT..?

Written by Serena Pudelski, RVT

Your pet most likely will need multiple dental cleanings in his or her life. But why? Dental disease is very prevalent in many species, and dental cleanings are very routine. At your pet's annual exam, your vet looks at your pet's teeth and gums and can tell if they need this procedure. If you are not brushing your pet's teeth EACH DAY the changes of them building up tartar is inevitable. If they have tartar on them now, brushing is not going to get the calculus off.

Dental cleanings need to be done under anesthesia. We cannot do a complete dental on an awake animal because of obvious safety reasons, and your pets need to sit still.

The day before your procedure, your vet will tell you to not feed your pet after 9pm the night before. Why? Aspiration pneumonia. The medications used can cause nausea, and make your pet vomit. If that happens, food/stomach contents can enter the lungs and be fatal. DO NOT FEED YOUR PETS before the procedure unless directed by a DVM. Some health issues like diabetes have different protocols. Do what your vet says.

Not only are their teeth getting cleaned, they are also doing a full oral exam, checking for any lesions, pockets, and diseased teeth. If they find any problem areas, they may also do x-rays, and extractions if needed. When done routinely, ideally every year, that's the average time frame in between cleanings. Some breeds are more prone to dental diseases than some, so just ask your vet.

When your pet is in for a dental, they are also highly monitored on equipment. These might include:

- EKG- monitors the heart rate
- SPO2- monitors oxygen level in the blood
- BP: blood pressure cuff
- Temp probe: monitors your pet's body temp throughout the procedure

AND MORE!!

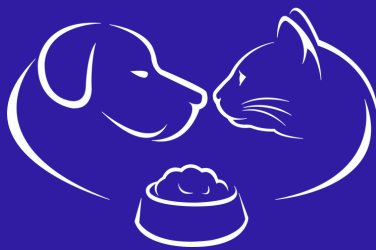
Your pets will also have warm blankets on them, possibly a snuggly as well.

Your Vet Staff is your first defense against dental disease, and can direct you to the proper techniques, and how to brush teeth.

If you have questions, just ASK them.

No pet never needs a dental, and no your pet is not to old.

Dental disease if left untreated can lead to organ failure, and potentially sepsis if never dealt with. Once a dental is performed, is the opportune time to get brushing!! The younger you start the brushing process, the easier it is on them, and you!



RESCUE RECOGNITION:

JANINE DORE

Nominated by: Michelle Kitchen

My bestie Janine is fostering this lil girl named Tammy. Tammy was shot and paralyzed as a result. Janine lovingly cares for her, Tammy cant potty on her own, she needs to be expressed. Her back legs, what's left of them, need special attention, she has a wheel chair Janine straps on when it's walk time. Janine has several cats that she fosters also. In fact she missed my studio's grand opening because two dogs, unknown to her, were fighting and she needed to help stop it. I call myself an animal lover, but my bestie goes ABOVE and BEYOND. She is the best thing that's walked into her friends lives, four paws or two legs, we are better for having her as part of us.

BRYANA POLAN

Nominated by: Alan Long

I'd like to nominate Bryana Polan. She is the volunteer coordinator at Lake Humane. Shes also an active volunteer at city dogs in Cleveland. And active foster of pregnant dogs and puppies in her home in Parma. She is the quintessential volunteer coordinator in constant updates for the needs of LHS and the shelter animals. Knows most of them by name, especially the overabundance of cats and kittens. Her duties are above and beyond her job description, coordination donations to other shelters and rescues, maintenance and upkeep at the shelter in addition to arranging rescues and transfer of animals to and from LHS. She coordinates offsite walks with former adopters on her off time. She is amazing. Her husband is a saint, and she truly deserves recognition for her amazing efforts.

HANNAH SCHRAMM

Nominated by: Amber Tischler

I would like to nominate Hannah Schramm. Not only does she work tirelessly for animals in need at the APL, she recently went above and beyond for the Mama cat and kittens that she had while in my care. She rushed over one evening to help Mama along with cleaning and caring for the babies and again when Mama rejected one of the babies. Hannah took the time to explain SO many valuable things to me that I would never have known or been prepared for otherwise. On top of all of this, Hannah devotes countless hours to managing the Weirdo Cat Lovers of Cleveland Facebook page and is an integral part of Grimm Reaper Rescue & Reprieve. I seriously cannot say enough about how much I love and appreciate her!!

WHY SPAY & NEUTER?



A male and female cat who are not spayed or neutered and all of their offspring producing 2 litters per year, with a survival rate of 2.8 kittens per litter can total:

By having your dog or cat fixed, you will prevent the birth of unwanted animals, protect against serious health problems and reduce behavioral problems associated with the mating instinct.

