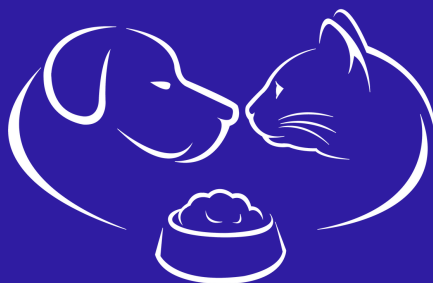


NEXT DISTRIBUTIONS:

Saturday, June 27th, 8am-10am
at Willow Praise Church
32905 Vine Street
Willowick, 44095



Saturday, June 6th, 10am-12pm at
Holy Cat Whiskers Rescue,
2585 Hubbard Rd, Madison, 44057

Tuesday, June 16th, 11am-12pm at
Painesville Assembly of God
10949 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.
Painesville, 44077

WILLOWICK PET FOOD PANTRY BY THE NUMBERS

Since September 2018, the Willowick Pet Food Pantry has issued 257 spay/neuter vouchers, representing 211 cats (of which, 22 were feral) and 90 dogs. (Vouchers can cover multiple pets.) The microchip program started in March 2020 and has issued 9 vouchers. The pantry distributed 7,374 pounds distributed in May 2020, for a total of 101,559 pounds since its inception in January of 2016!

FUNNY BONE FEATURE

Q: Why don't cats play poker in the jungle?

A: Too many cheetahs!

Q: How does the cat get its own way?

A: With friendly purrsuasion!

Q: What do you call a cat that lives in an igloo?

A: An eskimew!

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!

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.

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.

FREE SPAY/NEUTER & MICROCHIPPING

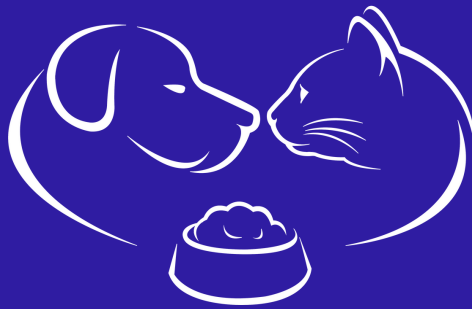
Vouchers will be provided for FREE spay/neuter & microchipping at the pet food distribution. Maximum of 2 pets per household. Surgery will be performed at PetFix in Euclid. You must be receiving government assistance. Please bring your photo ID and proof of assistance.

FOREVER IN MY HEART

Forever In My Heart is a program that helps pet parents cover the costs associated with helping their pet cross the Rainbow Bridge. We will contact your veterinarian to verify that the pet truly terminally ill and requires assistance crossing the bridge. Any other reason for euthanasia does not qualify. You must also be receiving government assistance, or be having significant financial difficulty to qualify. The maximum amount contributed by the pantry is \$75 and will be paid directly to the veterinarian. No exceptions. Please visit the Services section of our website to learn how to apply for this assistance.

PLEASE DONATE

We need your help! With unprecedented unemployment rates, many pet parents have been faced with the difficulty of feeding their furry family members. Willowick Pet Pantry has increased our distributions in an effort to help many in need, so that they do not have to choose between feeding themselves and their pets. In order to continue doing so, we need your help! Please consider making a monetary donation or a donation of cat or dog food directly to the pantry. You may do either by visiting the donate section of our website!



RESCUE RECOGNITION:

DINA TORRES

Nominated by: Kelly Crown

Dina Torres makes a huge difference in the lives of cats in the Hillcrest area (and beyond). I met Dina through Facebook while I was looking for help for a stray cat in Richmond Heights. Dina was new to trapping but came right away and helped me trap the kitty and get him neutered and vaccinated. She even helped me find a foster for him. Shortly thereafter, she helped me TNR a colony of 19 cats in Cleveland Heights. No charge. On her own time she trapped each one of them and transported them to and from the APL and let them recuperate in the comfort of her garage (insulated and heated). Over time, she became as invested in the crew as I did and when they found themselves in trouble from a "critter catcher" she was there when I couldn't be to trip traps and she spent endless days and nights seeking out an alternative "housing" situation for them (it didn't work out). Fast forward to them being poisoned months later and she spent countless hours over there helping me retrap all 19 of them and setting them up in my home while we searched for barns for them. She shared all of her resources with me and all 19 of them survived. She has done the same for me for my little colonies that I have scattered over 3 cities. In the meantime, she fosters adults and fosters and socialized kittens for a rescue and independently. I even had a guy that was fostered out and when it didn't work out she was the first one to jump in and get him back into her care for me. He had completely regressed and shut down and now he's a love bug again :) A majority of what she does she does on her own dime and she does it for so many other people besides me. She has a family and a job but still jumps in any time of the day or night to make sure all the street kitties are taken care of. I wish I was able to convey how impressive she is - all I can say is that she is my hero and the hero to all of the kitties that I care for especially the 19 whose lives were saved because she is the most selfless person that I have ever met.

RENEE SANZO

Nominated by: Amber Tischler

Renee is the Assistant Director of House of Mews Rescue and is just an all-around amazing human being. She works tirelessly to save the lives of cats in need. Renee has a heart of gold, yet knows how to be assertive and direct when needed, to ensure the safety and integrity of the rescue. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to others and is focused on helping as many cats and people as possible through her rescue efforts. Thank you, Renee, for all that you do for kitties in need!

CHRISTY O'MALLEY

Nominated by: Joan Marvin

Christy's love of cats began with the acquiring of her first cat Patty Paws at the age of 4 years old. She loved her cat so very much she later had his paw print tattooed on her body. Christy has been working with cats since then. She has been a member and on the board of Lucky Paws for 5 years. She also had been on the board with Weirdo's Cat group until recently. She was actively involved there helping people and their cats with many, many different things. Her love of cats was strong in leadership there. Christy has an amazing cat by the name of Derry. She rescued this unwanted kitten and he has been her loving companion and an advocate to cats all over! He is caretaker of her foster kittens... Christy has learned much about the handling of all kinds of cats dispositions and enjoys working with feral cats. They are difficult and yet this wonderful woman is willing to give them all a great chance! All these things are just a touch of what this awesome young woman has been doing for all the cats in her life and the lives of others. I asked her what is the thing you love most about cats?

Her answer: "Cats don't just trust you... You have to win them over, but, once you do they are amazing companions! There is nothing like watching a movie with a blanket and a cat curled up in your lap!" Christy is now on the board and running a Pet food Pantry to help pets and their people stay together in N E Ohio. Hopeful Paws Pet Pantry!