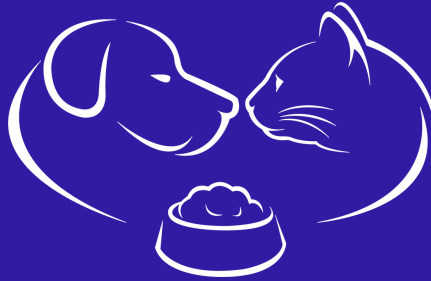


NEXT DISTRIBUTION:

Saturday, September 26th, 8-10a
at Willow Praise Church
32905 Vine Street
Willowick, 44095



WILLOWICK PET FOOD PANTRY BY THE NUMBERS

Since September 2018, the Willowick Pet Food Pantry has issued 277 spay/neuter vouchers, representing 253 cats (of which, 33 were feral) & 98 dogs. Vouchers can cover multiple pets. The microchip program started in March 2020 & has issued 9 vouchers. The Pantry distributed 4,957 pounds of food in August 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 \$1,648 for the care of 21 cats (one feral) & 6 dogs. The Pantry has provided financial assistance to 3 pet parents to help their pets cross the Rainbow Bridge.

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.

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!

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.

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: Why was the cat sitting on the computer?

A: To keep an eye on the mouse!

Q: Q: What's the worst kind of cat?

A: A cat-astrophe

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

A: Too many cheetahs.

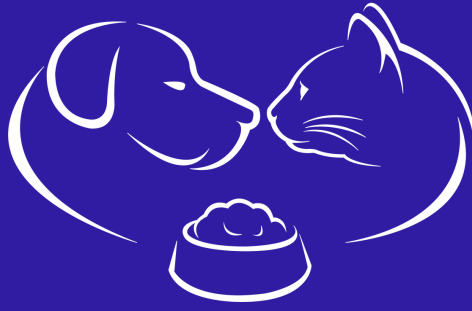
GET INVOLVED

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!

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Dog:

1. Change up your walk routine- try different trails, parks, add variety. I'd recommend 5-7 different routes
2. Add more toys, but actually play with your dog
3. Use a muffin tin at meal times
4. Make or buy a snuffle mat for fun treat time
5. Make a hide and seek game with boxes and high scented treats
6. Agility, fly ball, etc for working breeds
7. Swimming
8. Scent games outside to hunt/find things
9. Kong with frozen pb for when your gone, or puppy is teething
10. Any puzzle/interactive game
11. Ifetch for the ball lovers

Pocket pets:

1. New toys
2. New bedding (scent free)
3. Bath time
4. Take them outside if able in an enclosed safe space (never leave unattended for safety)

Cat:

1. Crinkle balls
2. Cardboard boxes
3. Toilet paper roll treat or mela dispensers
4. Pom poms
5. Mice/squeaky toys
6. Sock balls
7. Any and all wands
8. Catios/ window perches
9. Add scratching posts to every floor in your home your cat hangs out in
10. Catnip

Reptiles:

1. New arrangements in tank
2. New bugs or veggies that are healthy for each species

Article courtesy of Serena Pudelski, RVT

RESCUE RECOGNITION:

LIANE TOWNSEND

Nominated by: Linda Bellomy

I would like to nominate Liane Townsend. She is foster extraordinaire - incredible mother and wife - and unbelievable daughter. She works tirelessly to take care of so many and still does amazing things with special needs kittens. Liane is also a moderator for the Weirdo Cat Lovers of Cleveland. She is always willing to step up to help someone in need - human or feline. Her attitude is always Can Do and Her volunteer spirit is amazing!