

Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry, Inc.

"Keeping Pets at Home with Their Families"

We provide pet food at no cost to pet owners who are struggling financially and cannot afford to feed their pets.

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Hello Friends!

This year is already off to a busy start! Our regular distributions are busier than before, plus we've recently partnered with food banks in Grabill, at Wellspring Center, Union Baptist Church, and the Franciscan Center. We have been so blessed with food donations and volunteers that we are able to establish more partnerships with food banks in order to reach more pet owners in need of assistance.

Our new committees didn't hesitate to get started on several new projects. Marketing just completed our second annual report (enclosed). Events is organizing our "Pedal for Whiskers & Wags" fundraiser at Pedal City on June 23 (corn hole tournament, raffle, silent auction, photo booth, food trucks, and of course pet-friendly!). Fundraising is seeking event sponsors.

The Volunteer Committee was recently launched and is seeking members. Email us at info@fwpetfoodpantry.com if you are interested in recruiting, advertising, and coordinating appreciation events.

2018 Stats

404 pet owners 1311 pets 5334 pounds of dry pet food 1790 cans of pet food

160 pounds cat litter 163 volunteer hours

Donation Site Contest for 2018 is underway!

Our donation site contest last year generated 13,000 pounds of dry pet food, which is about a quarter of all the food we served! These locations are an essential part of our program. Plus, the contest allowed us to recognize the top collectors: PETCO, Pet Supplies Plus on Coldwater, Pine Valley Vet, and St. Joe Vet. Our contest will resume this year, rewarding top collectors for January-June and for July-December with a free lunch for their staff!

Happy Birthday, Layla!

Layla heard that we were running low on dry cat food, and decided to use her birthday money to purchase cat food for our pantry! This isn't the first time she's done this for us, and we think she is PAWSOME! Thanks so much to her and her dad for delivering their donations to us and for helping to keep pets at home with their families! We hope your birthday was as special as you are, Layla!

Welcome, Nickita!

Please join us in welcoming our newest board member, Nickita Klingerman! We met Nickita last year at the Get Connected event and were immediately impressed by her enthusiasm. Several non-profits were interested in recruiting her for an internship and so we patiently waited our turn. She volunteered at some of our pet food distributions in the meantime and we kept in touch until she was ready to accept our invitation. Not only did she join our Board, but she also joined our Events Committee! Nickita brings a variety of non-profit experience to FWPFP and we are so excited to have her on our team!

Volunteer Spotlight - Kristi Grubb

Thanks so much to Kristi Grubb for transporting pet food to Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven! Our partnership with the church started in 2016 and it wasn't long before Kristi offered to pick up the food for us and take it to the church's food bank each week. She recently began bagging the food at home herself, and then delivering it, which has been a huge help for us!

Wish List - DRY CAT FOOD IS OUR GREATEST NEED

You can donate pet food from home and have it shipped to us using our Amazon Wish List at this link http://smile.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/3AKQIT2H417W6

or you can drop off food donations at these locations:

H.O.P.E. for Animals Clinic - 1333 Maycrest off Lake Ave.

Miss Emily's Pet Salon - 3426 N Anthony **NEW DONATION SITE**

The Dog House Grooming Salon & Spa - 429 Seminary St in Roanoke

Pet Supplies Plus - Coldwater Rd and Stellhorn Rd

Pine Valley Vet - Coldwater Rd

Pink Poodle - Covington Plaza

St. Joe Vet - Maplecrest & St. Joe Center Rd.

Flying Colors Canine Academy - 5200 Industrial Rd.

Dupont Veterinary Clinic - 11605 Coldwater Rd.

New Haven Pet Hospital - 227 State Road 930 West

Willow Creek Crossing Apartments - Lower Huntington Rd.

Thank You for Your Support!

- Perfect Pet on Illinois Rd. for their generous donation of pet food
- Eel River RAKtivist Club for volunteering at our pet food distribution
- Meaningful Day Services for volunteering at our pet food distribution

Come see us at these upcoming events!

- March 25 Easter Bone Hunt at Franke Park
- April 12 Volunteer Expo at Turnstone
- April 21-22 Northern IN Pet Expo at the Coliseum
- April 28 Parrot Heads for Paws fundraiser for H.O.P.E. for Animals and FW Pet Food Pantry at Mitchell's Bar
- May 19 Fort4Fitness Spring Cycle
- June 23 Fundraiser at Pedal City (more info coming soon!)

Pet food distributions at H.O.P.E. for Animals Clinic

On the following Saturdays from 11:00am-noon at 1333 Maycrest Dr.

- February 10, 24
- March 10, 24
- April 7, 21
- May 5, 19

On behalf of everyone at Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry, Thank you for helping to keep pets at home with their families!

Sincerely, Pam Tracy Founder/Director

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