



WILLOWICK PET FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER, 2ND QUARTER 2021

Hello friends!, another quarter has gone by and life is beginning to return to normal, still far from normal because of Covid, but we are headed in the right direction. The second quarter has been so very busy for the pantry BUT we are so very happy we were able to achieve our goals and help more pets and pet parents. I hope you enjoy the newsletter and if you have any suggestions, please let us know. Have a Happy Summer!

SECOND QUARTER 2021 RESULTS



We distributed 13,182 pounds of pet food! Here is how we did that:
Distributions: 10,462 pounds at distributions plus 2,720 pounds to 4 shelters/rescuers. The shelters/rescues were located in Youngstown, West Liberty, Medina, and Cleveland and they came to our storage facility to pick up the food (it was all dog food.)

Besides our regular monthly distributions at Willow Praise Church we traveled to Fairport Harbor, Painesville, and Ashtabula to hold distributions in those cities.

From July through September we are committed to five more distributions in those same cities on addition to our regular monthly distributions.

That is a lot of work, especially for the preparation work, and we are so very grateful to our volunteers that keep showing up and doing the work. Unfortunately, because of weather constraints, we can have out of town distributions only during the warm months.

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM



We have issued and paid for 16 vouchers which cover 25 pets. Of the 25 pets (mostly cats) 6 were feral cats. Hard to believe but just 6 feral kitties that were "fixed" means hundreds of unwanted kitties are not born! A female cat can get pregnant at just 3 months of age and have at least 2 litters in one year!

MEDICAL PROGRAM



We financially assisted 11 pet parents with the medical costs of their pets. In June we increased the amount we pay from a total of \$100 (\$50 for the vet visit plus \$50 if surgery was necessary) to a total of \$150. We know that is a small amount we pay but that is the most we can do at the moment. Hopefully, we can do better in the future. We have been told more than once that even a \$50 contribution has made a big difference to those who have nothing.

VETERANS' PROGRAM



So far we have assisted 2 veterans with the adoption fee for a support pet, another one is looking for a pet now. All 3 are dog companions. We are now trying to spread the word about the program. If you know of any veterans looking for a companion pet, please let them know about the program. Surviving spouses also qualify for the program. On the next page we have the flyer, feel free to share it with your contacts.



THE VETERANS' PROGRAM
Sponsored by WILLOWICK PET FOOD PANTRY



What it is:

- *The pantry will pay the adoption fee (not to exceed \$200) of one companion dog or cat for a veteran.**
- *A maximum of 10 companion pet adoptions awarded per year.**
- *Adoption must be thru an established rescue/shelter.**
- *Proof of service is required. Form DD214 would qualify as proof of service.**
- *The program is available to residents of Lake County, Geauga County, and Ashtabula County. Surviving spouses qualify for the program.**
- *Adoption must be made within three months of veteran being notified he/she was selected.**
- *Duration of program: There is no expiration date; however, the pantry retains the right to terminate the program at any time.**
- *Effective date of the program is May 3, 2021.**
- *Send an email to willowickpetfoodpantry@gmail.com for additional information and for the application form.**

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AWARDS



8 of our volunteers received the “Good Neighbor Award” from the Eastlake Economic Development Committee for their Community Impact. The award is well deserved as they worked and are working so hard to assist the pantry to accomplish its goals of helping pets and their pet parents.

Talking about volunteers....we need more volunteers, especially men who can lift larger bags of pet food. The need is for when we pick up and unload pet food and for the preparation work for the distributions. Even 2 hours a month would help. If you know anyone who could volunteer, please let them know we are in need.

THANK YOU!



A great big Thank You! To all our supporters!

*If you donate pet food or money you help us accomplish our goals of helping pets and pet parents with our programs and feeding pets.

*If you allow us to hold pet food drives in your store (special thanks to Pet Supplies Plus in Mentor and their customers) you are filling up hungry tummies.

*If you donate gift cards for our special “surprises” to pet parents (most recent Mothers' Day and 4th of July) you brought big smiles on their faces (donors: Revolution Pizza, CP's Cooler Ice Cream, Anthony's Restaurant, Thrifty On The Vine, and Anonymous).

*If you allow us to use your facility, free of charge, to hold fundraisers (Sports Fanatics) you help with the various programs the pantry has. So many people to thank.....we are so grateful!

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