



# 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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#### 2017 Statistics

This year we have served:

2,990 pet owners

7,736 pets

28,215 pounds of dry pet food

7,098 cans of pet food

409 pounds cat litter

623 volunteer hours

#### Our Team Gets Stronger Every Day!

Several times a week, we hear from people wanting to know how they can help keep pets at home with their families. People come to volunteer, and when they come back for a second time, they bring their friends and family, who also keep coming back!

Young people are excited to volunteer with us, either just for fun, or to satisfy their service hours for school or church! We have enjoyed getting to know many generous, hard-working, and selfless young people who want to give back to their community. (Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.)

Our Board of Directors is also growing! We've recently added three new members: Megan Severe, Randi Ginder, and Ashley Spranger. We are very excited to get to know them and hear all their great ideas! They bring a vast array of experience including marketing, event planning, community outreach, and committee work. They are already jumping in with both feet by volunteering at our pet food distributions and helping staff our booth at events!

It's an exciting time to be a part of Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry! We are so grateful for all the people we meet who want to help further our mission of keeping pets at home with their families!

#### Pantry Pet Spotlight - Meet Tip!

Tip the rabbit, (Yes, a rabbit) came to one of our recent pet food distributions! We don't get small animal food very often, but it just so happened we had some rabbit food on the day Tip came! Let's just say it made him very "hoppy!"

Next time you are out shopping, please consider picking up some rabbit, hamster, bird, fish, or reptile food for your next donation. These guys are family members too!

#### Volunteer Spotlight – Meet Rob!

Rob's line of work puts him in daily contact with people from all walks of life, including the homeless. Since it has been difficult for us to find a way to reach them, Rob was willing to carry a supply of pet food in his car to help them as the need arises. Thanks so much to Rob for helping us reach yet another group of pet owners in desperate need of assistance!

#### Kroger Community Rewards

For second quarter, we received \$422! That is the second highest donation we have received from Kroger! Where does this money come from, you ask? **Kroger Community Rewards® makes donating to Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry easy...** all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Once signed in you can **link your Community Rewards to FW Pet Food Pantry #10873** under your Account Settings. Enroll at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards)

#### Goodies for Our Goody Bags!

For our fundraiser at Bottle & Bottega on Friday October 13, we are planning to give our attendees goody bags. If your business has anything they would like to donate (samples, logo items, coupons, etc.), please email us at [info@fwpetfoodpantry.com](mailto:info@fwpetfoodpantry.com). We are planning to make 80 bags. Donations will be needed by September 30. Thank you!

**Special THANKS to these groups for their recent support!**

- Perfect Pet on Illinois Rd.
- Indy Humane
- Wal-Mart on Maysville Rd.

**Donation Site Winners Enjoy a Free Lunch!**

Both of our donation site winners received a free lunch from Subway in appreciation for all their hard work collecting pet food for us! **Pet Supplies Plus on Coldwater Rd.** was our top winner in the Pet Store category! They collected 2,098 pounds of dry pet food from January-June! **Pine Valley Veterinary Clinic** was our top winner in the Pet Business category! They collected 549 pounds of dry pet food from January-June!

**Come see us at these upcoming events:**

August 30 - Paws in the Park at New Haven Farmer's Market  
September 16 - Pits in the Park at Freimann Square  
September 23 - Safety Fair at Jefferson Pointe  
September 29 - Fort4Fitness Fall Expo at Parkview Field  
October 13 - Bottle & Bottega Fundraiser (details and flyers available soon)

**Pet Food distributions at H.O.P.E. for Animals Clinic:**

On the following Saturdays from 11:00am-noon at 1333 Maycrest Drive off Lake Avenue  
August 12, 26  
September 9, 23  
October 7, 21  
November 4, 18  
December 2, 16, 30

**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 Items can be placed in our donation bins at the following local businesses:**

H.O.P.E. for Animals Clinic - 1333 Maycrest off Lake Ave.  
Pet Supplies Plus - Coldwater Rd by JoAnn Fabrics  
Pet Supplies Plus - Stellhorn Rd. by Target  
PETCO - across from Glenbrook  
Pine Valley Vet - Coldwater Rd  
The Pink Poodle - Covington Plaza  
Flying Colors Canine Academy - 5200 Industrial Rd.  
A Bark Above - N. Clinton in Washington Square  
St. Joe Center Vet - St. Joe Ctr Rd & Maplecrest Rd.  
Dupont Veterinary Clinic - 11605 Coldwater Rd  
New Haven Pet Hospital - Hwy 930 across from Hall's  
Willow Creek Crossing Apartments – Lower Huntington Rd

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*

President/Founder

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