



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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Happy New Year, Everyone!

We are still amazed at how much food we served in 2017 (see stats below). It was a record-breaking year for us! Thanks to all our volunteers and donors who made it possible!

For 2018, we have already hit the ground running! Our Board of Directors and several committees are already working on establishing new distribution sites to reach more pet owners, exploring additional food storage options, furthering our partnership with the Rescue Mission to help more pets of the homeless, finalizing our annual report, and planning our June fundraiser at Pedal City!

Stay tuned as these projects continue to evolve to help keep more pets at home with their families than ever before!

2017 Stats

The totals for last year are in, and they are PAWSOME!

6,507 pet owners	14,322 pets	54,805 pounds of dry pet food
12,849 cans of pet food	1,249 pounds cat litter	1,145 volunteer hours

Donation Site Contest

Congratulations to PETCO for collecting the most dry pet food, 1461 pounds, in the Pet Store category for July-December! Thanks so much to Megan and her staff, and to all the shoppers who dropped off donations!

...and Congratulations to St. Joe Center Veterinary Hospital for collecting the most dry pet food, 1464 pounds, in the Pet Business category for July-December! Thanks so much to the entire staff and their clients for the donations!

To show our appreciation, both businesses were treated to a lunch from Subway last week!

For the entire year, all our donation sites combined collected 12,412 pounds of dry pet food, plus cans, treats, and supplies! These donation sites make a huge dent in the amount of food we serve and we are so grateful for their support!

This contest will be held again in 2018 (January-June and July-December)!

Volunteer Spotlight - Girl Scout Troop 00467

Girl Scout Troop 00467 has been working really hard to help keep pets at home with their families! In November they held a food drive for us. In January they came and volunteered with us at one of our Saturday distributions! In fact, so many girls wanted to volunteer, that we had to divide them into two groups to come on two Saturdays! We really appreciate all their help!

If your Girl Scout or Boy Scout Troop would like to volunteer with us on a Saturday morning, please call 478-4851 or email us at info@fwpetfoodpantry.com to set up a date!

Volunteering at Ronald McDonald House

(Thanks to Allen Johnson, Board Member, for writing this article.)

In the spirit of giving back to the community and experiencing it in a different way, the Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry Board of Directors recently volunteered and provided a meal at the local Ronald McDonald House inside Parkview Hospital. Guests were treated to made-to-order omelets, fluffy pancakes, a selection of fruit, juice and coffee.

While some board members cooked, others took orders, served meals, and cleaned up. The meal provided a chance for the guests to truly relax, get refueled, and made for one less thing to worry about as their family members were being cared for at Parkview Hospital.

Our Board of Directors embraced this opportunity to serve others while providing time to bond outside of the pantry. Of course, it also gave them a chance to wear aprons too!

Wish List – CANNED DOG 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.
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
The Dog House Grooming Salon & Spa - 429 Seminary St. in Roanoke

Thank You for Your Support this month!

- Girl Scout Troop 00467
- Fort Financial Credit Union on Lima Rd. for collecting 250 pounds of pet food for us during the holidays
- Both Pet Supplies Plus stores for collecting 532 pounds of dry pet food during our Angel Tree holiday food drive

Come see us at these upcoming events!

- 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.

- January 13, 27
- February 10, 24
- March 10, 24
- April 7, 21

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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