

Kitty Kat Haven's Pet Pantry Program

No one should ever have to choose between feeding themselves or their pets. Kitty Kat Haven's "Pet Pantry" program is a community-based, low - income program dedicated to helping the residents of Lewis County, WA who are struggling with the choice of providing for their own necessities or purchasing food for their pets.

We provide dog food, cat food, cat litter (*when available*), and other pet care items when we have them. We may also have a limited supply of food for birds, fish, guinea pigs, rabbits, and other companion animals.

Donations are now being taken. Appointments for assistance are required. **Program hours: Pick up - Tuesdays 3p – 5p. Please email or call for help.**

Before you schedule an appointment, please read:

- **Recipients are allowed one visit a month, up to four-time per year.** We offer **temporary assistance** for feeding pets. We are not to be used as a permanent source of pet food. When possible, we strive to provide a **two week supply of pet food** per household, up to a reasonable limit.
- **ONE applicant per household.** Pet Pantry is a low-income program, and people **MUST** provide yearly proof of financial assistance from government agencies to qualify for the program. Photo ID is required every time the recipient uses food. **Food is distributed at our Program Center.** Recipients are allowed one visit each month. Pantry hours are Tuesdays from 3p -5pm. We do **NOT** deliver food. You must make an appointment to pick up food.
- **We require that you not bring additional animals into your care while using the program.** Pets in the program are for companionship and not for breeding or any illegal activities.
- Appointments to be made with a turn round time of no less than 24 hours to give volunteers proper time to put together recipients' food.
- **Spay or neuter your pets.** If your pets are not spayed/neutered, you must get them spayed/neutered to continue to receive assistance. Please ask about low-cost spay/neuter assistance.
- Request help only when in genuine need, as we rely solely on donations. Please do not abuse the program.
- **We reserve the right to refuse anyone under any circumstance.**
- **No one in the household is to resell, food, or items** provided by the Pantry. If we find out the food or item(s) was resold, the household and all members involved will be banned from assistance indefinitely.
- All recipients **must agree to not have any animal outside, on a rope or chain or in a kennel** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week & agree to maintain healthy living conditions.
- We ask for personal information when you apply, but **do not share your information** with anyone and all information is kept strictly confidential.
- Most importantly, we encourage you to give back to your community whenever possible. Give some time as a volunteer, or when you get back on your feet, donate back a bag of dog or cat food. **Pay it forward**

You may apply for Kitty Kat Haven's Pet Pantry Program by mail or email the application and all necessary attachments to Kitty Kat Haven – Pet Pantry, P.O. Box 306, Chehalis, WA 98532 contact@kittykathaven.org OR by calling us at 360 - 388 - 5073

Commercial Breeders, Pet Stores, Animal Boarding Facilities and anyone making a profit of pets does not qualify for this for program.

Free dog and cat food will only be provided within the limits of the amount of donations received.

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Required Documents

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE WE CAN ACCEPT ANY APPLICATION

1. VALID WASHINGTON STATE DRIVERS LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD
2. PROOF OF RESIDENCY (*Current Utility Bill*)
3. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

You qualify if you receive any of the following:

• Unemployment Benefits • General Assistance • Supplemental Security Income (SSI) • Disability Income • Medicaid • Medical Assistance (MA, MA-EPD) • Social Security Disability (SSDI) • Food support (EBT, SNAP) • Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) • HUD Section 8 Housing • Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

4. RELEASE FORM
5. PROOF OF NUMBER OF PET(S) and/or SPAY/NEUTER (*Documentation from a vet.*)

Once you have been approved, you will be notified by telephone. You must provide a current identification card/driver's license at the time of food pick up.

You must re-apply for this program yearly.

Thank you for your interest in Kitty Kat Haven's Pet Pantry Program.

Please feel free to contact us at:

**Kitty Kat Haven
P.O. Box 306 Chehalis, WA 98532
contact@kittykathaven.org
(360) 388 -5073**

OR visit us on the web at www.kittykathaven.org

**Sincerely,
The Board Members and Volunteers at Kitty Kat Haven**



Kitty Kat Haven's Pet Pantry Program Application

PART 1. PETS IN THE HOUSEHOLD (Please attach an additional page if needed.)

SPECIES	NAME	BREED	AGE	SPAY/NEUTER

Total Pets in household: Cats _____ Dogs: _____ Other: _____ Any Not Spayed/Neutered _____

PART 2. TOTAL ADULT MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD (Please attach an additional page if needed.)

LAST, FIRST	STREET ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	PHONE	AGE

PART 3. HOUSEHOLD QUALIFICATION

Please check the following services you are currently receiving:

WIC	SSD card	Unemployment	Food Stamps
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Other – Please describe: _____

Have you received assistance from us or any other pet food bank in the last 12 months? Yes No

If so, where: _____

Any additional information you would like us to know: _____

PART 4. SIGNATURE

An adult household member must sign the application. The adult signing the application must also list his or her complete Washington State Drivers License or ID card. (See Privacy Act Statement.)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and correct. I understand that Kitty Kat Haven's Pet Pantry Program will get donations based on the information I give. I understand that Kitty Kat Haven's Food Pantry Program officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my pets may lose pet food benefits.

Sign here: X _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ WA Drivers License or ID card # _____

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us. You do not have to provide the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your pet(s) for Kitty Kat Haven's Pet Pantry program. You must include the Washington Drivers License or ID card of the adult household member who signs the application. We will use your information to determine if your pet(s) is eligible to participate in Kitty Kat Haven's Pet Pantry program and for administration and enforcement of the Pet Food Pantry program. We MAY share your eligibility information with pet food donors to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, and auditors for program reviews.

Non-discrimination Statement: In accordance with Federal law, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

DO NOT FILL OUT THIS SECTION. THIS IS FOR KITTY KAT HAVEN'S PET PANTRY PROGRAM USE ONLY.

Household Size: _____ QUALIFICATION: _____ Number of Pets: _____ Eligible: __ Denied: __ Amount given: _____

Reason: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date Approved/Denied: _____

Kitty Kat Haven's Pet Pantry Program Release Form

I, _____, understand that this pet food product received through Kitty Kat Haven's Pet Pantry Program has been donated to Kitty Kat Haven and is not for sale to the public. Therefore, I agree to use this pet food product to feed my personal pet(s) only, **and I will NOT sell this pet food** product to any person(s) or business, all members involved in the re-selling will be banned from assistance indefinitely.

I understand and agree by accepting food and/or services from the Pet Pantry, the recipient, all household members, their friends, and family agree not to hold the Pet Pantry, its staff, volunteers, and benefactors legally liable in the unfortunate event the recipient's pet(s) becomes ill or the food upsets the pet's stomach. Kitty Kat Haven will not assume any liability for and/or guarantee this pet food product in any way.

When you receive pet food from the Pet Pantry, you are aware of the potential risks involved with feeding your pet(s) a new diet, since it's unlikely the pet food received is your pet's usual brand(s).

Signature

Date