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Division of Humane Services' Food Pantry Assists St. Charles County Pet Owners

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Last year, the Division of Humane Services introduced its Pet Food Pantry and provided more than 4,000 pounds of food to assist St. Charles County dog and cat owners. The monthly program distributes dry pet food and welcomes new participants this year.

Pet Food Pantry distribution dates in 2018 will be:

Jan 27	May 5	Sept. 15
Feb. 17	June 16	Oct. 20
March 24	July 7	Nov. 17
April 21	Aug. 18	Dec. 22

The free program is open to eligible St. Charles County residents. To qualify, pet owners must:

- Register with the Division of Humane Services at least one week prior to the distribution date, showing proof of residency in St. Charles County (government-issued identification or utility bill). For registration information, please call 636-949-7387.
- Show proof of need.
- Show proof of current rabies vaccination for each animal covered or make arrangements to update the animal's shot record at the time of registration.
- Show proof that the animal is spayed or neutered or make arrangements to do so at the time of registration.
- Bring a container large enough to carry at least three pounds of food.

The Division of Humane Services operates its food pantry through the Pet Adoption Center, located at 4850 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, with assistance from area businesses and individuals. If you are interested in donating supplies or volunteering with this program, please call 636-949-7387.

Since opening in 1999, the St. Charles County's Pet Adoption Center has strived to place adoptable animals in loving and forever homes. Adopting a pet through the Division of Humane Services offers an outstanding value, as the \$60 adoption fee includes a thorough health examination, initial vaccinations, spay or neuter service, microchipping and more. To view pets now available for adoption, please visit sccmo.org/pets or stop by the Pet Adoption Center.

Through the efforts of its three divisions — Environmental Health and Protection, Health Services and Humane Services — the St. Charles County Department of Public Health provides a wide range of services that enhance the well-being of the community. To learn how the department assists this region or to find out about volunteer opportunities with any of the divisions, visit sccmo.org/PublicHealth or call 636-949-7400.

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