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Marin Humane Society Seeks Pet Food Donations for Low-Income Seniors' Pets

Donations will assist more than 300 companion animals in need in Marin

(NOVATO, CA, November 1, 2014) — The Marin Humane Society (MHS) has organized a Holiday Pet Food Drive to replenish critically low supplies of pet food that supports low-income pet guardians. Donations will be used to deliver much-needed supplies to the MHS SHARE (Special Human-Animal Relationships) clients and provide support to dozens of others in need each month.

MHS has partnered with Bay Area-based Pet Food Express, which will feature donation barrels in all its Marin stores for the month of November. Donations may also be delivered directly to MHS at 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd in Novato year round.

And for those who don't have time to purchase pet food, financial contributions are also welcome and will be used to purchase additional food. Donations can be made online at MarinHumaneSociety.org, by mailing a check to the address above, or by calling 415.506.6259.

Of particular need are canned cat and dog food and small bags of dry cat and dog food. "Requests for pet food and supplies continue to come into the SHARE office daily," says Annie Humphrey, SHARE program coordinator. "With the public's help, we can make the season a little brighter for hundreds of Marin's less fortunate pets and their guardians. It becomes one less thing to worry about knowing that their pet's basic needs can be met."

Funded entirely by donations and grants, the SHARE program provides a lifeline for 222 low-income pet guardians in times of need. Ongoing assistance is offered in the form of pet food, veterinary care, home visits, and emergency boarding for pets in the event of hospitalization of the client. A healthy supply of donated pet food also enables MHS to provide one-time assistance for dozens of others in need and to coordinate with local human needs organizations in Marin to distribute pet food and supplies to their clients.

The Marin Humane Society (MHS) offers refuge, rehabilitation, and support services to more than 10,000 domestic animals and wildlife each year through a myriad of community services, including adoptions, foster care, behavior and training, humane education, pet assistance for people in need, lost-and-found pet services, low-cost clinics, and more. MHS is a local, independent organization and does not receive operating funds from national organizations. In addition to our role as a non-profit, private animal organization, MHS is responsible for upholding county and municipal animal services ordinances through a Joint Powers Agreement contract with the County of Marin.
