

## Marin Humane Society seeks pet food donations for community's low-income senior pet guardians

### *Donations will assist more than 300 companion animals in Marin*

**(NOVATO, CALIF., August 15, 2013)** — Critically low supplies of pet food are threatening the Marin Humane Society SHARE (Special Human-Animal Relationships) program's capacity to assist hundreds of Marin pets in need. Volunteers regularly deliver donated pet food to 228 low-income seniors and their 306 companion animals. Donations are also used to provide one-time assistance to dozens of pet guardians every year.

"Requests for pet food and supplies have risen steadily over the last several years," says Annie Humphrey, SHARE program coordinator. "We now average more than 200 calls for assistance every month. With the public's help, we can continue to assist hundreds of less fortunate companion animals in our community, and keep our supply of pet food well-stocked for months to come."

Funded entirely by donations and grants, the Society's [SHARE](#) program has been assisting Marin's low-income senior pet guardians for more than twenty years. Along with pet food deliveries, eighteen program volunteers provide transportation for veterinary appointments, and assist clients with dog walking, cleaning litter boxes, and administering medications.

Clients like Cynthia of San Rafael are grateful for the assistance they have received from the SHARE program. Living on a fixed income has made it difficult for Cynthia to provide for her beloved cat, Coleman. "I can't thank the Marin Humane Society enough for all they have done for me and Coleman. The SHARE program has put my mind, heart and pocketbook at ease. All I have to do is add the love!"

Says Humphrey, "The bond between people and pets is so strong, which is why the Marin Humane Society is committed to a program that helps keep good friends like Cynthia and Coleman together."



Donations may be delivered to the Marin Humane Society (171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato). **Of particular need are donations of canned cat food and dry dog food.** Financial contributions are also welcome and will be used to purchase additional gift items. Financial contributions can be made by mailing a check to the address above, online at [MarinHumaneSociety.org](http://MarinHumaneSociety.org) or by calling 415.506.6259.

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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.