

## LOWER SOUTHAMPTON ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD PET PANTRY PROGRAM

The Lower Southampton Animal Control Advisory Board (LSACAB) has created a program to help provide low-income residents of Lower Southampton Township, PA with supplemental pet food for their companion animals. The program is operated via events in Lower Southampton Township, PA and is not meant to provide all of the food needed for the total care of the pets.

### **Requirements:**

- All participants must complete the LSACAB Pet Pantry Application and Agreement prior to receiving assistance.
- Must be a resident of Lower Southampton Township, PA.
- The following documentation will be required before we can accept any Pet Pantry application:
  - Driver's license or other valid photo identification card
  - Proof of residency (current utility bill, lease, etc.)
  - Proof of number of pet(s) (proof of vaccination, spay/neuter, pictures)
- Clients must show proof of their low-income status. Acceptable examples include:
  - Social Security Award Letter
  - Retirement Voucher
  - Unemployment Award Letter
  - Bank Statement
  - Disability Award Letters
  - Proof of overdue bills/outstanding payments
  - Most recent pay stub from employer
- Agree that pets are for companionship and not for breeding or any illegal activities. If you are breeding, you are not eligible. The program is intended for owned pets. If someone is a community cat caretaker (outdoor cats), they can discuss with LSACAB representatives receiving assistance for their own pets to offset the cost of the care for the community cats.
- Alert the LSACAB if you move or if the number of pets in your household changes.
- Agree *not* to resell the pet food received from the LSACAB Pet Pantry Program.
- Agree to *not* add more animals to your household while you are receiving assistance.
- Agree to maintain healthy conditions and/or living environment for your pet(s), which includes providing fresh water and food daily and basic veterinary care, and you will let someone know if you cannot maintain this level of care.
- Agree that you will stop receiving assistance once your income provides that you can afford your own pet food and/or care on an ongoing basis.
- All pets must be spayed and/or neutered. Please bring documentation. If your pets are not spayed and/or neutered, LSACAB can refer you to low cost organizations that provide this service.
- One applicant per household
- Any cat or dog receiving assistance must be primarily kept indoors (animals that are strictly outdoors or tied to a rope or chain are not eligible)

\*LSACAB reserves the right to refuse anyone under any circumstance. In addition, we are providing a service to the community and ask that recipients receive only as much food as they need.

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Note: The 100% column shows the federal poverty level for each family size, and the percentage columns that follow represents income levels that are commonly used as guidelines for health programs. You must bring proof that your household's income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines as shown below.

| Household Size                  | 200%* (annual) | 200%* (monthly) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1                               | \$22,980       | \$1,915.00      |
| 2                               | \$31,020       | \$2,585.00      |
| 3                               | \$39,060       | \$3,255.00      |
| 4                               | \$47,100       | \$3,925.00      |
| 5                               | \$55,140       | \$4,595.00      |
| 6                               | \$63,180       | \$5,265.00      |
| 7                               | \$71,220       | \$5,935.00      |
| 8                               | \$79,260       | \$6,605.00      |
| For each additional person, add | \$8,040        | \$670.00        |

\*Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Eligibility  $\leq$  200% FPL

### Special circumstances

If your normal income is above 200% of the federal poverty level, we can still consider your case if you can prove temporary, financial hardship with appropriate documentation, such as recent job loss, major illness in the family, unexpected major bills.

If you are in this situation and can prove it, we will consider these situations on a case-by-case basis.