

# Jefferson County Pet Food Pantry Guidelines



*Keeping pets at home and out of the shelter.*

To be eligible for the Jefferson County Pet Food Pantry Program, you must qualify as low income, be a current participant in a state/federal assistance program, or experiencing financial hardship due to the current economic situation. To establish your financial need, you will need to bring the backing documentation in the form of Social Security letter, Medicaid letter, Food Stamp Determination or Unemployment letter.

Applicants must provide a photo ID and proof of residency from Jefferson County, MO.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old.

Only **one** person per household can apply for services.

Because of the unwanted pet population in Jefferson County, we require your pets be spay or neutered. If your animals are already spayed or neutered, you must provide proof. If they are not, we will pay to have the procedure done.

You **CANNOT** acquire any more pets on our program! We understand sometimes there are extenuating circumstances (animals dumped on your property, finding a stray, etc.). We work with many reputable rescues and can try and help you place the animal.

We ask for personal information when one applies but do not share it with anyone and all information is kept strictly confidential.

No one in the household is to resell food or items provided by the Pantry. If we find out the food or item(s) were resold, the household and all members involved will be banned from assistance indefinitely.

Please make us aware of any special food needs your pet might have (allergies, senior, diet, etc.).

We are a **temporary** (not permanent) source for pet food.

By accepting food and/or services from the Pantry, the recipient, all household members, their friends and family agree not to hold the 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.

**We reserve the right to determine how much or how often we give food to an individual.**  
**We reserve the right to refuse anyone under any circumstance.**

I agree that if I cannot properly care for my pet, I will notify someone from Jefferson County Pet Food Pantry. We work with many rescue groups and will do our best to find your pet a safe, happy home.

Giving back by volunteering or a small donation is another way to say thanks and help us help others. We have many volunteer opportunities! Pay it forward!!

**Pantry Phone 314-723-6127**