



A Program of The Friendship Center  
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## Guidelines for Receiving Pet Food Assistance

**Friendship Pet Food Pantry (FP2) provides free, nutritious pet food for Chicago residents who are in need of temporary assistance to feed their pets. If you are able to provide for your pets, please leave this food for others who are less fortunate.**

**Recipients of food and other goods have read, signed and consent to the following:**

- ✓ FP2 provides temporary assistance to individual pet owners. We do not provide food to shelters, breeders or to feed feral animals. Pet food and other supplies are not available for resale.
- ✓ FP2 requires proof that all animals we help are spayed or neutered, assuming they are healthy enough for surgery. If your animals are not spayed or neutered, assistance will be provided. **Please see the reverse side for more information.**
- ✓ Only one person per household may apply for pet food assistance. ID is required at time of application.
- ✓ Patrons agree to treat their pets humanely.
- ✓ Patrons agree to not adopt additional pet(s) while participating in the Pet Food Pantry program.
- ✓ The amount of pet food and supplies provided is based on the number and size of your pet(s) as well as *availability of food and supplies*. We cannot always guarantee cat litter, treats, toys, etc.
- ✓ We will most likely not be able to provide enough food to feed your pet(s) until the next distribution date, and we may not be able to supply food for all pets in the household.
- ✓ Food is donated by companies, local businesses and individuals. We cannot guarantee availability of the specific brand or type of food your pet might need.
- ✓ Occasionally, food may be near/past the expiration date, or in opened or secondary containers (such as plastic bags). This food is still suitable for consumption, to the best of our knowledge.
- ✓ We review pet food recalls and notify patrons whenever possible. For more information, visit: <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/RecallsWithdrawals/default.htm>
- ✓ FP2 does not provide medical or shelter assistance. However, we will do our best to refer you to organizations that can help with veterinary needs or re-homing, if needed.
- ✓ The Friendship Center has agreed to let us use its facilities. Please respect this space and the volunteers providing assistance.

**How do I prove that my pet is spayed or neutered?**

If you do not have the original paperwork from your pet's adoption or surgery, you can ask the clinic for certification. If your pet was altered before you became its guardian, go to any vet clinic and ask to have your pet evaluated. FP2 will accept a written note on the clinic's stationery as proof.

**What happens if my pet is not spayed or neutered?**

If your pet is not altered, pet food will be provided during your first visit, but you must bring proof of spaying or neutering to your second visit to continue participating in the Pet Food Pantry program.

**What if I can't afford to have my pet spayed or neutered?**

FP2 will provide you with a list of low-cost clinics. If you need further assistance, let us know.

**What if my pet cannot be spayed or neutered?**

If your pet cannot be spayed or neutered due to age or health issues, please bring documentation from a veterinarian or ask your vet to write a note explaining why your pet cannot be safely altered.

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