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Knox County Departments Join Forces for Local Pet Food Drive

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— The Knox County Community Action Committee’s (CAC) Office on Aging is teaming up with Knox County Senior Centers and Libraries for a weeklong pet food drive. The drive aims to support the Knox PAWS and Feed-A-Pet programs, which help seniors in need care for their pets.

The food drive will run from February 18-25, 2025, with collection stations at Knox County senior centers and libraries. Find locations on the website at [Knox County Senior Centers](#) and [Knox County Libraries](#).

Needed Items:

Dog Food:

8-lb bag Purina One Small Bites
4-lb bag Pedigree Small Bites
4-lb bag Beneful Small Bites

Cat Food:

3.15-lb bag Purina Cat Chow
3.15-lb bag Meow Mix
3.15-lb bag Friskies

Canned versions of these foods are also accepted.

Monetary donations can be made at <https://www.knoxseniors.org/support-paws/>.

Knox PAWS matches eligible seniors with adoptable pets. Seniors 60 or older, living independently in Knox County, and meeting income requirements can receive a pet through the program. The CAC provides ongoing support, including veterinary exams, vaccinations, and heartworm/flea prevention.

Feed-A-Pet helps seniors who already own pets but struggle to provide food. The program offers monthly food assistance to those 60 or older with an annual income below 150% of the federal poverty level. Participants’ pets must be spayed or neutered and up to date on vaccines.

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