

Pantry Guidelines

Our pantry program was created to help keep Iowa families and their pets together by providing fresh, high-quality pet food to families experiencing financial hardship. No one should be forced to decide between caring for themselves and caring for their companion animals. Pets are family members and sometimes they're the only family a person has.

No matter your current standing, hardship can strike at any time so we do not require any financial documentation of need. Our pantry provides food on a short-term, emergency basis to supplement your current dog and/or cat food.

Please read the below guidelines for the Safe Paws pantry program.

- * Safe Paws and the pantry program is not intended to be the sole provider of food for your pet.
- * We do not provide food to shelters, breeders, or to feed feral animals. Pet food is not available for resale.
- * Only one person per household may apply for pet food assistance.
- * A household may receive pet food once (1) per month for all of their cats and/or dogs for two (2) months in a calendar year. These months do not have to be consecutive.
- * Safe Paws will not adopt any animal in their care to participants of the pantry program for six (6) months after the last use.
- * In general, we provide one (1) 8 pound bag of food per month for dogs and one (1) 3.5 pound bag of dry food for cats per month. Size of bag may be dependent on how many animals are in the home.