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**Great Plains SPCA Receives Grant to Distribute Pet Food During COVID-19 Crisis**

Merriam, KS (March 27, 2020) – Great Plains SPCA (GPSPCA), a no-kill animal shelter in the Kansas City area serving 6,000 pets annually, has been awarded a grant from GreaterGood.org, a national nonprofit dedicated to protecting people, pets, and the planet, to distribute more than 20 tons of dog food to Kansas and Missouri animal welfare organizations which support people who cannot otherwise afford to feed their pets during this unprecedented time. GPSPCA was awarded this grant as a result of its outstanding preparedness and plan of action in the face of the COVID-19 challenges.

Forty-eight pallets of food were delivered to GPSPCA’s storage facilities yesterday. Designated organizations are scheduled to pick up their food from Dean’s Downtown Underground between 12:00 and 4:00 pm tomorrow.

GPSPCA will notify Kansas and Missouri emergency management agencies regarding which organizations are receiving food so they can help get the word out to families in need. People in need of food should contact their local/county-specific organization to receive food. A list of organizations can be found at GPSPCA’s website: [greatplainsspca.org](http://greatplainsspca.org).

GPSPCA Chief Executive Officer, Tam Singer, said, “During this time of uncertainty, we don’t want people to worry about how they will be able to feed their pets. Providing this support allows people to keep their pets at home and out of shelters at a time when they are feeling isolated and a pet’s companionship means more than ever.”

This local distribution of pet goods is part of multi-million-dollar nationwide donation effort that GreaterGood.org is executing to help the pet communities across the U.S. impacted most by the coronavirus outbreak.

“The COVID-19 pandemic is creating an unprecedented animal sheltering crisis, while also affecting pet parents so it is our duty to step in and offer assistance on a national level by creating a network of relief distribution centers with our local animal shelter partners while also supporting them,” said Liz Baker, CEO for GreaterGood.org. “Our goal is to provide local animal shelters and pet parents struggling financially, with pet food and supplies so they can continue to care for the pets they love during this challenging and stressful time.”

GPSPCA operates its own Pet Food Pantry which distributes food once per month. Individuals must sign up ahead of time and can do so by visiting [greatplainsspca.org](http://greatplainsspca.org) and completing the Pet Food Assistance Application. GPSPCA is in great need of dry cat food for its Pet Food Pantry. To donate dry cat food, please order from GPSPCA's Amazon wish list which can also be found on GPSPCA's website. As a precaution, GPSPCA is not accepting donations dropped off at the shelter at this time.

Monetary donations to GPSPCA have declined during the COVID-19 crisis. Individuals who can help support the shelter during this difficult time may donate at [greatplainsspca.org/donate](http://greatplainsspca.org/donate).

### **About Great Plains SPCA**

Great Plains SPCA is a no-kill animal shelter in Merriam, Kansas serving 6,000 community pets annually. Great Plains SPCA works to save, protect and improve the lives of animals, while strengthening the relationship between pets and their human companions by providing humane sheltering, adoptions, community outreach and behavior and training. Great Plains SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please visit [greatplainsspca.org](http://greatplainsspca.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **About GreaterGood.org**

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