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**Paws Humane Society Responds to Urgent COVID-19 Community Need by Hosting First Pet Food Pantry of the New Year**

COLUMBUS, GA. JANUARY 11, 2021 – As the New Year begins, the global crisis known as COVID-19 continues to bring a wave of unemployment across the nation which has left many pet owners facing the challenges of caring for their beloved pets. In response to this growing need, the Pets for Life program at Paws Humane Society will host its first Pet Food Pantry of the New Year and fourth since the beginning of the pandemic with one goal in mind: to stand up for pet owners in need.

Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Paws Humane will offer free pet food assistance and distribution to pet owners in the Chattahoochee Valley as well as surrounding counties in both Georgia and Alabama. Thanks to the support from Greater Good Charities and its corporate partners, Paws Humane is able to offer pet supplies such as dog food, cat food, cat litter, and other pet care items to owners in need.

“Our Pets for Life program is hosting a pet food pantry to continue our efforts in helping families and pets within our region with essential supplies showing our communities they are not alone in this difficult time,” says Erin Lucas, Paws Humane Director of Outreach.

It is times like these that we must all work together to continue our lifesaving mission and keep cherished pets in their homes, in spite of the global crisis happening around us. Thanks to our neighbors at Dryvit Systems for lending a helping hand and making this food pantry possible.

**Paws Humane Society Pet Food Pantry Details:**

- Date and Location: Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> Paws Humane Community Room – 4900 Milgen Road, Columbus, Ga 31907
- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Open to pet owners in Georgia and Alabama. No appointment necessary.
- Masks required. Please practice social distancing.

**Please note, Paws Humane is only able to offer pet supplies to the public as we receive them. While we have a high volume of dog food, cat food and other pet care supplies are extremely limited. The Pet Food Pantry is first come, first served.**

For more information regarding the Pet Food Pantry, please [click here](#) or visit [www.pawshumane.org](http://www.pawshumane.org).

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**About Paws Humane Society**

Paws Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of both animals and people as a solution-based community resource for animal welfare by providing high-volume and high quality spay/neuter, rescue and adoption services, volunteer opportunities, outreach, and education. Paws vision is to be the regional leader for animal welfare in adoption, spay/neuter, outreach and education to ultimately create a No-Kill Community. Paws is supported by private contributions from the citizens of our community.