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HeidisHopeForHomelessAnimals.com

Saving Lives of Homeless Dogs and Cats and Feeding Hungry Pets In Our Community

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Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank Tractor Trailer of Hope



32,240+ Pounds of Pet Food!



Pet Food!



24 Pallets of Pet Food!





















Pet Food Bank Receives a Tractor Trailer of Pet Food and Supplies from Chewy!

What started as a one-time event in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, has evolved into an ongoing and expanding monthly Pet Food Donation Distribution program that fills a void in our community. Sadly, many people had been surrendering their pets to shelters and rescue groups, simply because they could not afford to feed them. Due to the economic impact of the pandemic, the need to feed hungry pets has grown.

Thanks to a very generous donation from a donor in Nova Scotia and other local generous donors, Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank received a tractor trailer of pet donations through Greater Good Rescue Bank. The tractor trailer delivered 32,240 pounds of pet food and supplies!

With 24 pallets of pet food and supplies delivered, Heidi's Hope has significantly expanded our communitywide coalition of partnerships. Our Pet Food Bank provides hungry pets with much-needed pet food; collars; leashes; bedding; litter; food/water bowls; toys and treats monthly to:

- New Hanover County Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Heidi's Hope Pet Meals On Wheels Program, in partnership with New Hanover County **Senior Services**
- **New Hanover County Sheriff's Office**
- New Hanover County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Unit
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- **Domestic Violence Shelter**
- Pender County Animal Shelter SkyWatch Bird Rescue and Hospital
- **New Hanover County Rabbit Rescue**
- St. Jude's Food Ministry
- Good Shepherd House and Good Shepherd Ministries
- First Fruit Ministries
- American Red Cross Disaster Response
- The Salvation Army, Cape Fear Area, serving five counties

Last month, Sheriff McMahon and several of his team from New Hanover County Sheriff's Office and their Animal Services Unit, along with many community leaders and partner agencies held a press conference with Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals to announce Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank Expansion and our partnership with New Hanover County Sheriff's Office & their Animal Services Unit.

The mission of our Pet Food Bank is to help families who are struggling financially to feed their pets and keep them in their homes and out of the shelters. In addition, we offer spay/neuter vouchers to help prevent unwanted births that would further increase pet overpopulation. Our programs are aimed at helping the most vulnerable of the food insecure population --- those on government assistance and Senior Citizens. Heidi's Hope's Pet Meals on Wheels Program, in partnership with New Hanover County Senior Resource Center, feeds pets of house-bound Senior Citizens who cannot afford meals for themselves. We also supply pet food for outreach programs to provide pet food to homeless people in our community. Our Pet Food Bank is filling pets' bowls with food and



Thank You New Hanover County Sheriff's Office for Your Interview about Our Pet Food Bank Expansion and Our Partnership!

Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals' Pet Food Bank **Expansion and Partnership with the** New Hanover County Sheriff's Office & their Animal Services Unit

We are very enthusiastic about our partnership with New Hanover County Sheriff's Office and their Animal Services Unit! The Sheriff's Office will deliver pet food into our community to citizens and their pets who are in desperate need. New Hanover County Animal Services Unit will provide pet food/supplies along with new pet adoptions. Our partnership will feed many more hungry pets in our community!

Donor Spotlight Susan and Scooby

Susan is a very generous donor who lives in Nova Scotia who learned about Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals, Inc. by researching animal charitable organizations in the U.S. She contacted Heidi's Hope and said that she selected us to donate to because of the lifesaving impact we have for animals.

Susan said that she would like to remain anonymous but would like to make her donation in memory of her beloved dog, Scooby, who she rescued from an animal shelter. In order to be good stewards of Susan's generosity, and to honor Scooby, Heidi's Hope worked with Greater Good to receive a tractor trailer of pet food/supplies to greatly expand our Pet Food Bank to feed more hungry pets and spay/neuter pets!

Out of all of the animal advocacy organizations nationwide she could have selected for her donation, Heidi's Hope is very grateful and honored to be selected. We are truly appreciative, and most of all, so are the animals whose lives are being saved and fed thanks to her generosity! Thank you Susan and Scooby!





Cooper's Corner A Message From Cooper Arnold CCO, Chief Canine Officer

Last month felt like Doggy Disneyworld on Wheels when a Chewy tractor trailer arrived with 24 pallets of pet food and supplies! As the Few Moves movers, CarMax volunteer team, Lt. Norton, with New Hanover ASU, Dianne Logan and many others helped to unload over 32,000 pounds of pet food and supplies, I thought all my dreams had come true! Then, my Mom explained that none of the pet food/supplies are for me—the entire tractor trailer of pet food/supplies is to help feed pets who are in desperate need. As much as I want donations, I want to help my fellow dogs and cats who need it most.

Tragically, last year approximately 347,000 healthy and adoptable dogs and cats were killed in our nation's shelters, simply because they don't have a home. They are counting on us to save their lives. Just as my Mom believed in me even before she met me when my adoption papers said, "will be euthanized if not adopted soon", then further read, "time running out....". We believe every life is worth saving!

As the CCO, Chief Canine Officer, of Heidi's Hope for Homeless Animals, I am so thankful to be part of keeping pets at home with their families where they belong. On behalf of pets in need in our community, I am grateful to be the voice for the voiceless, for all my fellow dogs and cats who are homeless, in shelters or with rescue groups. Please make pet adoption your ONLY option until ALL dogs and cats have good homes with forever families!

~Cooper

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Heidi's Hope' Pet Food Bank Filling Pets' Bowls with Food and Hope



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