

Donations Help Pet Owners in Need



(EDIT Note: As a follow-up to Linda's January column on the Pet Responsibility Committee, here's an example of the handling of donations of unopened cat and dog food.)

Volunteers with the Moore County Citizens' Pet Responsibility Committee (PRC) met up at the Vandercook garage in Whispering Pines on June 10 to bag over 400 pounds of dry cat food.

Whispering Pines residents helping out were Denise Jones, Angela Zumwalt (PRC Chair), my husband Phil and me. A total of seven volunteers pitched in to prepare 121 bags of cat food for PRC's upcoming Pet Care Day in Robbins.



PRC volunteers picked up the pallets in SC, drove back to WP and then portioned up the food into smaller bags. Each gallon-size bag holds about 3-4 pounds (15 cups) of dry cat food, which can last up to 30 days for a 1 cat household. The bags will be distributed to pet owners across Moore County. PRC also donates pet food to owners who opt to have their pets spayed/neutered through their program.

During the most recent Pet Care Day, PRC handed out almost 170 bags of dog food. The upcoming event in Robbins is expected to distribute over 120 bags of cat food, according to PRC.

PRC still has a pallet's worth of dry dog food that will need to be bagged and is seeking local Whispering Pines volunteers to help (date TBD). Please contact Angela Zumwalt if you are interested: 910-949-9953 or angelazumwalt@earthlink.net.

2,500 pounds of dry dog and cat food (5 full pallets) were donated by Walmart out of their Pageland, SC, distribution center; the donated food is of varying brands and types and includes specialty foods for kittens and puppies. Most of the original packaging is simply ripped and cannot be sold as-is, but the pet food is in great condition and fresh.

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