



Protocol

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Emergency Pet Food Supply Protocol

Purpose

Emergency dog and cat food should be provided to owners in an attempt to keep their pets with them, whenever possible. This protocol outlines a matrix to determine needs-based food supply for a shelter or rescue offering free food to their community.

Procedure

Who Qualifies for Emergency Food Assistance Matrix:

		Owner Answers	Approved for food assistance
1.	Is owner experiencing homelessness?	Yes	Yes
		No	No
2.	Does owner have access to pet suitable human food?	Yes	No
		No	Yes
3.	Does owner have familial/friend support?	Yes	No
		No	Yes
4.	Is owner or household member homebound due to illness?	Yes	Yes – Delivery Option
		No	No

Move through the questions in numerical order, 1-4, until you reach an answer that qualifies for approval. If none qualify, then food assistance is not possible at this time.

Other information to provide:

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Due to COVID-19 Shelter in Place government mandates and to accomplish a 90% reduction in social interaction, while maintaining the practice that every pet who enters a shelter should receive urgent, individualized treatment and care, with the goal of a live outcome.



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Human foods dogs CAN eat:

Apples, bananas, blueberries, cantaloupe, broth, watermelon, zucchini, squash, salmon, lentils, lamb, garbanzo beans, cottage cheese, carrots, cheese, animal protein like chicken, fish, beef and pork (avoid fat and skin), green beans, honey, kiwi, mango, oatmeal, bread, cooked rice and pasta, peanut butter, pears, pineapple, potatoes, pumpkin, rice, spinach, strawberries, sardines, kale, sweet potato, yogurt.

Human foods cats CAN eat:

Asparagus, banana, beef, blueberries, broth, broccoli, cheese, chicken, eggs, fish, lamb, liver, oats, peas, pumpkin, turkey, yogurt, spinach, tuna, eggs, salmon, rice, corn, watermelon, carrots.

PLEASE INSTRUCT PEOPLE TO LOOK AT THE [ASPCA'S PEOPLE FOOD TO AVOID AND POISON CONTROL LIST](#), FOR A LIST OF FOOD TOXIC TO DOGS.