

Presents 4 Pets Campaign Benefits Shelter Animals

Pet-sitting association supports efforts nationwide.

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This holiday season, shelters across the nation crowded with cats and dogs will be in need of basic supplies from bedding to food. The nationwide Presents 4 Pets collection drive has kicked off to benefit these shelter pets and rescue animals.

The campaign is sponsored by the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters, and all members of NAPPS are encouraged to participate, said spokeswoman Yarissa Reyes. The nationwide Presents 4 Pets (P4P) program has three goals: Help in the well-being of shelter animals. Support local shelters and the staff of caregivers. Create awareness of community shelters.

Now in its third year, the program collects donated premium dog and cat food, pet toys, bedding, leashes, harnesses, crates and carriers. The effort goes beyond NAPPS' members – many different animal-related businesses will work together, including dog day cares, veterinarians, groomers, boarding facilities and pet stores.

The P4P campaign started in North Carolina and runs in conjunction with The Humane Society of the United States' National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, observed Nov. 2-8. People are encouraged to contact their local shelters to participate.