

## Pet-Food Drive Under Way

**Three pet-food banks are spearheading operation to assist pets, families.**

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As part of a national effort, three local pet-food banks are holding the first ever Pet Pantry Partners' "Furr-ever Home" National Pet Food Drive, starting Nov. 21 and ending Jan. 1. The three organizations are Northland Pet Pantry in Missouri, Central Florida Pantry in Orlando and Pikes Peak Pet Pantry in Colorado.

The goal of the food drive is to bring national awareness to the importance of pet-food assistance during rough economic times when some families decide they can no longer feed and house their pets. The goal of each organization is to gather 5,000 pounds of dog and cat food (or food for other species) from donors, or a combined 15,000 pounds.

For more information or to donate pet food, call 719-217-9528 or visit the participating food banks:

Pikes Peak Pet Pantry in Colorado Springs, Colo.  
719-217-9528

Northland Pet Pantry in the Kansas City/Smithville, Mo. area  
816-272-8508

Central Florida Pantry in the Orlando, Fla., area  
321-252-2327