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Suncoast Humane Society Distributed 33,000 Pounds of Pet Food for Animals in Need

In 2016, Suncoast Humane Society donated more than 33,000 pounds of pet food throughout communities in Southwest Florida.

One of many outreach programs offered by your Suncoast Humane Society, the Pet Food Pantry redistributes donated pet food to families who are experiencing short term financial hardship. The program has provided short-term pet food assistance to the community for several years. By providing this assistance, Suncoast Humane Society is able to help keep cherished pets with their families, reducing the number of abandoned and surrendered animals in our community.

The Pet Food Pantry is completely donor supported and the Suncoast Humane Society accepts food donations year round. Some individuals donate just a bag at a time, whenever they can; while others use their love of extreme couponing to help animals in need. Other sources of pet food donations include: schools, churches and civic minded clubs that sponsor pet food drives during the year and bring their donations to the Suncoast Humane Society’s, Englewood adoption center. Local businesses, like Wal-Mart support the Pet Food Pantry program as well with other generous donations of toys and supplies.

Partner organizations such as Trinity Presbyterian Church in Port Charlotte and Charlotte County Homeless Coalition have helped re-distribute nearly 5,000 pounds of the food donated during 2016. Suncoast Humane Society will continue to explore
opportunities to work with their partner organizations and ensure that no family pet goes hungry.

A family who needs short term assistance is able to make application to Suncoast Humane Society in Englewood, FL., or through one of their partnered social welfare organizations.

For more information on how you can assist with the Pet Food Pantry, contact Suncoast Humane Society at 941-474-7884, visit www.humane.org, or stop by their adoption center at 6781 San Casa Drive, Englewood.

**Suncoast Humane Society has been serving animals and people since 1971.** Founded as Englewood Animal Aid Society, the organization’s services and programs were soon challenged to meet the demands placed on them by the pet over-population crises. Expansions to their facility in Englewood during the 1980s and 1990s helped the Society to more effectively provide for a growing service area. To reflect the changes, the organization became Suncoast Humane Society. **Today their service area includes Charlotte County, most of Sarasota County, and the Boca Grande portion of Lee County, a total of over 450 square miles.**

Visit their adoptable pets and learn more about Suncoast Humane Society online at www.humane.org, in person at 6781 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224 or at one of our many community events!

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Photos submitted by Suncoast Humane Society

Moose Riders from Englewood Moose Lodge #1933 donated 1500 pounds of food to Suncoast Humane Society’s Pet Food Pantry.
Gena Pearce (pictured with her brother Byron) asked those attending her birthday party to bring items from Suncoast Humane Society’s Wish List in lieu of presents.