

Guidelines for Animal Resource Friends Pet Food Assistance

ARF pet food assistance program is designed to help alleviate the temporary financial stress of people feeling the strain of the economy to provide food for family pets.

This program is intended to SUPPLEMENT the pet's food and should not be considered the only source of food. The participant must provide some food, however minimal, in order to demonstrate that the participant is a responsible pet owner.

Pet food will be provided based on the following terms:

- **Qualifying Documents-** The Following current documents will be accepted; EBT Card, Medicaid Card, Social security for low income and others to be evaluated. Applications may need to include a recent utility bill to verify their address. Also needed is a working phone number or current email address in order to keep contact.
- Food will only be provided for the pets listed on the application. This program provides food for animals in the household, **limited to 3 dogs and/or 3 cats** and other critters I.E ferrets, rabbits, birds etc. **If you want to add** another animal you must bring proof of spay/neuter to the next distribution.
- ALL animals in the household MUST be spayed or neutered in order to qualify. You must provide records from the clinic where each animal was spayed or neutered, or documentation (name of pet, date of surgery) of spay/neuter on clinic letterhead where the surgery was performed.
- Under no circumstance is the food to be used to feed stray animals.
- **An application must be completed annually**
Each year –based on the original application date –participants will be required to fill out a new application and ARF will evaluate the need for continued support from the program. Only the person approved for the program is allowed to pick up food, and **must provide** a valid State issued drivers license or ID each time food is picked up.
- we will No Longer Allow for someone else to pick up for you without prior approval, either sending an email or calling the ARF line (**Heather at Princess4497@gmail.com or 919-883-2156**). This is for emergencies only. Example: If you are in the hospital, having surgery, etc. We will make **no exceptions** to this and it must be a valid reason you cannot come yourself.
- *Once approved you will be able to pick up food. You will be notified of the date and time for the pet food distribution.

****Home visits May be done on all ARF clients. ****

It is N.C. State Law that all dogs and cats have a current rabies vaccination, **and you must provide proof** that each animal in the household has a current rabies vaccination.

I have read and understand the guidelines for ARF Pet Food Assistance Program. I agree to abide by and follow these guidelines.

Signature of Applicant

Date