

Peninsula Pet Pantry Assistance Application & Policies

Assistance will be provided to a maximum of four animals, per household, at a time!

Applicants may receive assistance up to a maximum of six (6) times per year!

One application per year, per household will be kept on file. We appreciate your patience during the learning curve associated with our new software program!

Please Review Our Policies Below & Sign:

1. Be the pet(s) owner and be 18 years of age or older,
2. Brand preference cannot be guaranteed and requests cannot be honored unless the particular brand is readily-available,
3. Pets must be spayed/neutered in order to receive assistance. If no proof is furnished, than proof that the animal(s) in question is to be altered in the near future can be submitted,
4. The Pet Pantry will not provide assistance to those actively or suspected of breeding as assistance is intended for those fallen on hard times and not to support a business operation,
5. The Pet Pantry will no longer provide assistance to a relative, friend, or neighbor (not present at the distribution) of a client at a distribution without preauthorized approval. Said person will need to contact the Pantry ahead of time to qualify!
6. Scheduled assistance days are first come, first serve and no appointment is necessary. Please call or visit our website for the current schedule,
7. The Pet Pantry is unable to make deliveries to those seeking assistance,
8. Calls requesting assistance to other phone numbers other than the Pet Pantry message line (757) 243-1170 will not be returned,
9. The Peninsula Pet Pantry reserves the right to deny assistance to anyone if circumstances warrant such a determination.

**Affidavit of Understanding-Distribution
Peninsula Pet Pantry**

I state that I am the owner of the pet(s) for which food and supply assistance from the Peninsula Pet Pantry ("Pantry") is received,

I understand that all pet food and supplies received today from the Pantry are from donated sources and I agree not to resell said items,

I understand that all pet food and supplies received today from the Pantry are from donated sources and the amount I receive cannot be guaranteed,

All food given to me will be in unaltered condition and has not been altered by anyone at any time it has been in the Pantry's care,

I understand that the Pantry will only allow me to accept food and supply assistance up to (6) six times in a (12) month period, and

I understand that the pet food I receive today from The Pantry may not be the current brand I feed my pet(s), which could cause intestinal or digestive distress to my pet(s). I agree not to hold the Pantry, its staff, volunteers, representatives, or benefactors legally liable in the unfortunate event my pet(s) experiences any adverse reactions to the food I received from the Pantry.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Peninsula Pet Pantry

Client Profile

Name:
Street Address:
City & Zip Code:
Phone Number:
Email:
Names (other than listed above) of people <i>in your household</i> authorized to pick up on your behalf:
Do you currently receive governmental assistance? If yes, please check all that apply:
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security
<input type="checkbox"/> Disability
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Benefits
<input type="checkbox"/> SNAP and/or WIC
<input type="checkbox"/> TANF
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
Please check your estimated combined MONTHLY household income: (may be verified upon request) <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000-\$1,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000-\$2,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000+ (please indicate why you are requesting assistance _____)

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Pet Profile

Name of Pet	Cat / Dog/ Bird/Other	Age	Weight (S, M, L, XL)	Breed (if known)	Spay/Neuter (y/n)	Special Diet Issues or Allergies (y/n)

I certify that the information I have provided on this application is true and that giving false information will result in the disapproval of this application and future disqualification of service from our organization.

Signature & Date

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PENINSULA PET PANTRY'S

2014 FOOD ASSISTANCE INFORMATION (AMENDED JAN 2014)

Mission:

To provide temporary support of pet food and supplies to pet owners facing financial hardship in Hampton, Newport News, Yorktown, Williamsburg/James City County, and Gloucester.

Limit:

Assistance is limited **to six (6) times per household each year.**

Maximum Pets Served (per distribution):

Assistance will be provided for a **maximum of four (4) pets only**, regardless of the actual number of pets currently living in the household.

How to Receive Help:

Assistance is provided at first come, first serve distribution dates. Please refer to our current distribution calendar found on our website and our voice mail greeting.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT OR VISIT OUR DISTRIBUTION CENTERS CONCERNING PET PANTRY BUSINESS!!

The Pet Pantry operates out of borrowed space from generous community members. Our community partners are actively working on their own business operations and cannot take the time to answer questions that our volunteers are equipped to do. Please call our message line at 243-1170 or send an email, contact@peninsulapetpantry.org if you have a question or need info regarding the pet pantry.

Required Info to Receive Help (first time receiving assistance for the year ONLY):

- A photo ID, featuring a current address. If your address changes, please inform our distribution volunteers upon receiving assistance.
- Proof that pet(s) have been spayed or neutered. Proof that a pet will be altered in the NEAR FUTURE can also be accepted.
- A completed client profile and signed application form. Forms can be found on our website and are also available at each distribution.

Flea/Tick Medications:

When available, flea and tick medications will be distributed one time to each household per year. This policy may be revised if more treatment vials become available.

Low Cost Services:

The Pet Pantry does not provide low-cost pet services directly but is happy to provide a listing of community providers if needed. Such information can be found on our website as well as at distributions.

Client Responsibilities:

- 1) Your pet is required to be spayed or neutered in order to receive help from the Pet Pantry. Too many unwanted animals are homeless and/or euthanized every year due to the overgrowth of the pet population. Remember what Bob Barker used to say every day as he closed the Price is Right, "Help control the pet population, have your pet spayed or neutered."

Please refer to our list of low-cost spay/neuter providers and schedule an appointment today!

- 2) We love our furry creatures and know how special they are to each and every pet owner. That being said, if you are experiencing financial difficulties that prevent you from being able to properly feed and care for your fur babies, then this would NOT be the time to take in more animals. There are many humane rescue and foster groups in our area that we would be more than happy to put you in contact with to help find these pets their forever home.
- 3) People involved in breeding animals are excluded from receiving help from the Pet Pantry; if one is engaged in a breeding operation, than one should be able to financially support it. Those in violation of local and state breeding laws can and will be reported to the proper authorities. *Note: Some localities will consider you a breeder if you have more pets than legally allowed. Please see #5.*
- 4) Assistance from the Pet Pantry is **temporary**. We are not set up to provide a long-term solution for pet owners. Those pet owners who are unable to properly care for their pets without the help of the Pantry should look into working with foster and rescue groups. As mentioned in #2, there are many humane groups that may be able to provide temporary help to those who need it.
- 5) Each locality has specific laws and ordinances that regulate pet ownership (how many, types, etc.). For example, in Hampton it is unlawful to feed feral cats unless you have written permission from the city to do so. In other localities, it is unlawful to have more than 4-6 pets without a breeder's license. Each pet owner should become familiar with the local laws so that they are not found to be in violation. While the ordinances sound harsh and picky, they were formulated as a result of irresponsible pet ownership seen by Animal Control officers on the Peninsula. Picking up stray animals is the biggest portion of an Animal Control officer's work day. Hence the nonstop appeals to spay/neuter, not to take in more pets than you can support, etc.

I understand and agree to comply with the above requirements to receive help from the Peninsula Pet Pantry. I understand that failure to comply with any of the above requirements will bar me from receiving future assistance from the Peninsula Pet Pantry.

Name

Signature

Date

2014 DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE
ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM!

PET PANTRY HOLIDAY SHUTDOWN MID DECEMBER-NEW YEARS

Hampton:	Regional Animal Shelter
No Dates Scheduled Yet. Expect to begin in Spring 2014 when shelter has completed construction.	No Info at this Time

Newport News: FRIDAYS	Olivet Christian Church 14425 Old Courthouse Way, Newport News (Adjacent to the Grissom Public Library)
January 3, 2014	6:00pm-7:00pm
February 7, 2014	6:00pm-7:00pm
March 7, 2014	6:00pm-7:00pm
April 4, 2014	6:00pm-7:00pm

Williamsburg: FRIDAYS	Grove Christian Outreach Center
March 21, 2014	12:00 (Grove Residents) 12:30 (Non-Grove Residents)
June 20, 2014	12:00 (Grove Residents) 12:30 (Non-Grove Residents)
September 19, 2014	12:00 (Grove Residents) 12:30 (Non-Grove Residents)
December 19, 2014	12:00 (Grove Residents) 12:30 (Non-Grove Residents)

Gloucester: SUNDAYS GLOUCESTER RESIDENTS ONLY!	Bill Fary Auto, Rt. 17 7084 Geo Wash Mem Hwy, Gloucester Courthouse
February 23, 2014	2:00pm-3:00pm
April 27, 2014	2:00pm-3:00pm
June 22, 2014	2:00pm-3:00pm
August 24, 2014	2:00pm-3:00pm
October 26, 2014	2:00pm-3:00pm
December 28, 2014	2:00pm-3:00pm