

Pet Food Drive

Pre-Project Discussion:

* You know that family pets are usually well fed, but what about homeless animals in shelters?
* Did you know that in a tough economy there are more animals in shelters and less money for food?

What You Need:

* A large box to collect food
* Poster Board
* Photos of sheltered animals (if possible, take photos of pets from your local shelter)
* Arrange for transportation to deliver the collected food to the local shelter

Steps:

1. Identify a local animal shelter in need of pet food such as First Coast [No More Homeless Pets](https://www.fcnmhp.org/help-pet-owners/pet-food-bank/).
2. Coordinate a time with the store and shelter to collect and drop off the pet food. Arrange with all members of your family to man the collection center and arrange delivery to the shelter.
3. Also speak with your local animal shelter to see what their specific needs are (how many animals they have, specific food needs, etc.).
4. Once approvals have been received, create your collection box and sign. Make sure your box is large enough to hold the donated food.
5. Tip: Younger volunteers can help decorate posters and collection boxes or help sort the donated food by pet type.
6. Have fun and remember all the animals you are helping!

Reflection Questions:

* How did your feelings about sheltered animals change?
* How did this project impact the life of an animal?
* How did this project impact your family?
* What did you notice about the community's reaction to your project?