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HAWS ANNOUNCES PET SUPPLIES PANTRY AT DEER DISTRICT

Waukesha animal resource center to give away items to pet owners in need

WAUKESHA — January 30, 2024. <u>HAWS</u>, the Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County, announces the shelter's Pet Pantry will be stopping at the Deer District in downtown Milwaukee for a free event this Thursday, February 1, 2024.

HAWS formally started the <u>Pet Pantry</u> during the pandemic, as a way to enable pet owners in financial need to keep their pets with them, rather than having to surrender their pets to a shelter or rehome then. HAWS Pet Pantry items include food, treats and other basic pet care needs.

- WHO: HAWS Pet Pantry, featuring pet items made possible by generous donations from Hound & Gatos, Charlee Bear, Bocce's Bakery and B83 Testing and Engineering
- WHAT: A pop-up event to distribute food and treats for cats and dogs to up to 1,000 people, completely free of charge
- WHEN: Thursday, February 1, from 1-3pm
- **WHERE:** The Mecca Beer Garden in the Deer District
- **WHY:** To help people facing financial hardship keep their pets in their homes

While many have regained financial stability, there are still pet families needing assistance. HAWS created this pop-up event as a way to reach more of those homes.

"Pets can be a great comfort to people during stressful and difficult times," noted Ren Gresbach, Fund Development Coordinator for HAWS. "At HAWS we believe it is so important to keep pets with their people, and our Pet Pantry can make a big difference."

The pop-up event will be available until 3pm, or until supplies run out. Information on the procedure for this event can be found on the <u>event page on HAWS' Facebook</u>.

A non-profit organization established in 1965, the Humane Animal Welfare Society assists over 12,000 animals and welcomes more than 35,000 human visitors each year. HAWS is an open admission, no-kill shelter dedicated to strengthening the relationship between animals and humans through adoptions and education, making a more compassionate community possible. HAWS is located at 701 Northview Road in Waukesha, Wisconsin.