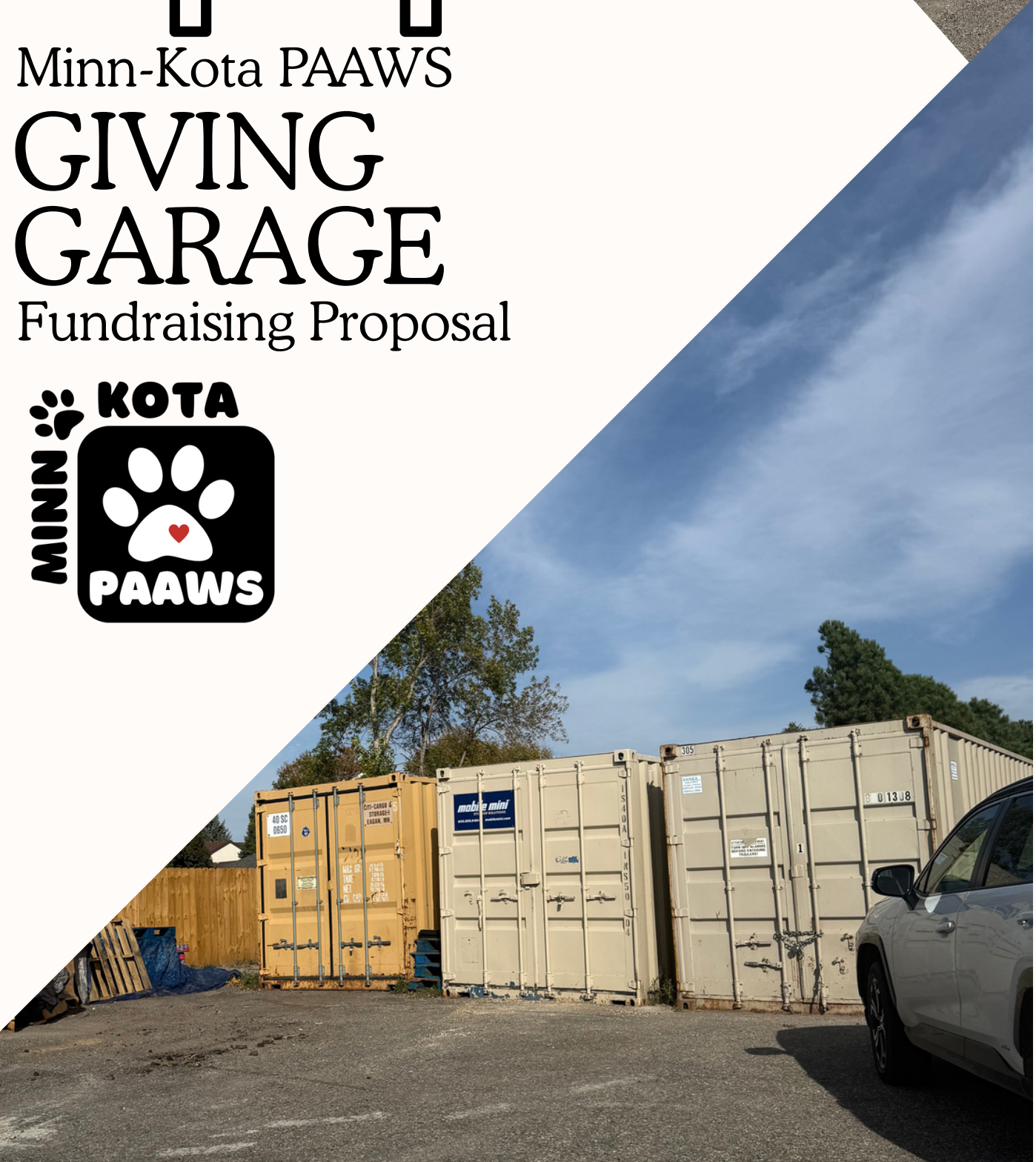


Minn-Kota PAAWS

GIVING GARAGE

Fundraising Proposal





At **Minn-Kota PAAWS**, our mission goes beyond affordable veterinary care—we're also here to make sure pets in our community don't go hungry. Through our pet food pantry we provide on average 5300 lbs of free pet food support to community members in need monthly.

Our GOODS Program provides deeply discounted pet food and supplies to 501(c)3 rescue groups, shelters, and pet food pantries in our region.

These programs are vital to the people and pets they serve.

The Good News:

Our community is incredibly generous. We receive wonderful donations of pet food and other supplies on a regular basis. We are able to purchase mass quantities of pet food for distribution and receive large donations from human food pantry partners and pet food wholesalers.



Our Challenges:

We simply don't have a good place to store all the donations that come our way. Right now, donations end up hand-sorted and packed into shipping containers. This makes it harder to stay organized and even harder to accept larger donations when they come our way.

Without proper storage, items are also more at risk of damage from weather, pests and spoilage.



Your gift can turn a generous act of kindness into a vital hub for care, compassion, and connection, ensuring pets and families in our community thrive.

The Giving Garage would provide:

- A secure, weatherproof place to store donations.
- The ability to accept larger food donations (stretching every dollar further).
- An organized, central spot to make distribution to families and rescues easier and faster.

Most importantly, a garage means we can get more food into the bowls and bellies of pets in need. **When families have access to pet food support, they're more likely to keep their pets at home—where they belong—rather than having to surrender them to an overcrowded shelter.** Local rescues and shelters also benefit, allowing them to focus resources on saving lives vs. feeding pets at retail prices.



In short, a garage may sound simple, but for Minn-Kota PAAWS it's a game-changer. With the Giving Garage, we can take the strength of our community and make sure every bag of food and every box of supplies goes exactly where it's needed most.

How can you help?

Every day, families turn to Minn-Kota PAAWS so their pets don't go hungry. Our free food pantry and GOODS program make it possible for pets to stay healthy and loved, even when their families are struggling. In order to continue to meet this need, we need adequate and safe storage for donations.

That's why we're asking for your help. Your gift will build the garage we need to protect and store pet food, keeping our pantry stocked and ready for every family that needs us. With your support, Minn-Kota PAAWS can accept more food donations, keep our pantry full, and ensure pets stay safe, healthy, and loved in their homes.

Here's how your support can make a difference:

\$15 will provide cat food for a needy feline friend.

\$35 will fill the tummy of a loved canine family member.

\$250 helps stock a section of the garage with food and supplies.

\$1,000 supports shelving and safe storage for large shipments.

\$5,000 provides a leadership gift that anchors this vital project.

Together, we can create more than just a building — we can create a lifeline of hope, nourishment, and love for pets and the people who cherish them.

