

Adapting to changing needs

These are extraordinary times.
Here is a snap shot of what we are
doing to help our community now.

Pet Food Pantry In a regular year, we donate thousands of pounds of pet food annually, offering free pet food to local seniors and helping to stock regional pet food pantries. In 2020, the COVID-19 emergency has dramatically increased the numbers of pet owners facing financial hardship, so we've dramatically ramped up this program, offering a 'pop up' pet food pantry located in front of our door 24 hours a day, open to all who need it. The supplies are free and restocked daily.

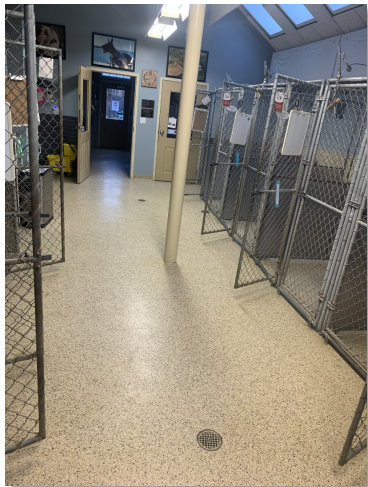
Phone Pals We debuted a brand-new initiative for isolated senior pet owners. Volunteers are matched with a designated senior, and make regular phone calls to check in on their phone friend's pets-- and to simply be a friendly voice during a lonely time.



Our free pet food pantry
is open to all 24/7

Virtual Adoptions In February, we increased our foster family roster so that we were able to move all of our shelter pets into foster care in March. Unlike many local charities, we have been able to continue adoptions by conducting them safely virtually. Interested families chat with our staff, fill out an online application, and then have a Skype or Facetime 'meeting' with the foster family caring for the pet that they are interested in.

Being Good Neighbors: Our staff began working from home in March, at which time we donated the bulk of our Personal Protective Gear to area hospitals. We began forwarding instructions for volunteers to sew homemade masks for local first responders, collecting the masks and delivering to local area hospitals. We have committed at least for the time being to keeping all staff on payroll, including part-time workers.



We moved all of our pets
to foster care which
enabled us to continue
adopting during the crisis

**What to do if you find a baby bird
this spring:**



If it can fly a bit or hop AND has a good deal of feathers, it is a fledgling. It is best to leave it alone. If you fear imminent threats, place it on a nearby perch (and keep your pets indoors).

If it is sparsely feathered & can't even hop, it is a nestling. Try to find the nearby nest & return it as soon as you can. If you can't find it, make a nest by using tissue to line a strawberry carton or small box with holes poked in the bottom. Place the baby inside & then secure the 'nest' to a secure perch in a tree very near where the baby was found. Most mothers will find the baby & care for it until it is mature enough to fly.