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## Pet Food Pantry Will be at AWA March 14th

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Voorhees, NJ – Animal Welfare Association (AWA) is holding their quarterly Pet Food Pantry on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Pet Food Pantry, created by the five animal welfare organizations in the Animal Alliance of Camden County, intends to keep pets with their families by offering food assistance.

"A common reason for pet owners to surrender their pets to local shelters is due to financial hardships," says Maya Richmond, Executive Director of Animal Welfare Association. "AWA and the Animal Alliance of Camden County seeks to help residents keep pets in their homes by providing nutritional assistance to those in need."

Pet food pantries are the latest addition to the food banks, soup kitchens and homeless shelters that serve as a link for people living paycheck to paycheck. "Providing pet food to families started in 2009 in response to pleas from people who see their pets as family and were having to make decisions around paying for pet food or having their kids vaccinated or paying part of their heat bill," says Maya Richmond.

The Pet Food Pantry at AWA will be open to the public from 11am to 1pm on the following Saturdays:

- March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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