

## Food 4 Paws Application Guidelines

### Keep this for your records

- It is mandatory to fill out an application form and it must be turned in prior to receiving pet food assistance. The application will be good for 6 months – if food assistance is needed past that time, then you must reapply for the program.
- Application can be turned in on your first visit or mailed to the address below. If mailed, make sure you bring proof of financial need to your first visit.
- One application per household.
- Maximum of two dogs and two cats per household.
- Proof of current rabies vaccination from your veterinarian is **mandatory**.
- All pets in the program **must** be spayed or neutered with written documentation from your veterinarian.
- Proof of financial need must be proven. This can be in the form of an unemployment check stub, disability card, WIC card, Link card, low-income, or illness/sickness, etc.
- We reserve the right to make exceptions based on individual need.
- We ask for personal information when one applies but we do not share it with anyone and all information is kept strictly confidential.
- Food is distributed every **Sunday** from **1 PM to 4 PM** at: **Food 4 Paws (at Meadows Veterinary Clinic)**

**314 Meadows Ave.  
East Peoria, IL 61611  
Phone number – (309) 573-7087**

- Meadows Veterinary Clinic is only donating storage and distribution space for this program. Meadows Veterinary Clinic, like other veterinary clinics, may be used to obtain an application for assistance or drop off donated food.
- All recipients must pick up the food at the distribution center during the time that it is open. No food will be given out at any other time. No food will be delivered to anyone's home.
- You will be given a 2 week supply of food for every pet in the program. The amount is based on the pet's weight and is taken from the rabies certificate.
- Food 4 Paws relies on donated food from the community; therefore we **cannot** guarantee that food is always available. Please call **309-573-7087** to verify if there are any cancellations or changes in the distribution schedule.
- Food 4 Paws is meant to be a temporary assistance for feeding your pets. We are **not** to be used as a permanent source of food for your pet.
- We accept all kinds of pet food. By accepting food from Food 4 Paws it is possible your pet may receive a different brand of food each time and sometimes this might cause diarrhea. It is best to mix a small amount of the old food with the new food to help with this problem. Call your veterinarian if this is an ongoing problem.

- All recipients of the program must agree not to have any pets outside, on a rope or chain, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We ask that you strive to increase the quality of your pets life at all times by proper exercise, fresh water, grooming, and medical care.
- The recipients agree not to feed stray dogs and cats with the donated food.
- We are providing a service to the Peoria area community and ask that everyone only take as much food as their pet needs – this will help with maintaining a food supply for everyone.
- No one in the household is to resell food or items provided by Food 4 Paws. If we find out the food was resold, the household and all members involved will be banned from assistance program.
- We reserve the right to refuse anyone under any circumstance.
- By accepting food from Food 4 Paws, the recipient, all household members, their friends and family agree not to hold Food 4 Paws, its staff, volunteers and benefactors legally liable in the unfortunate event the recipient's pet(s) becomes ill or the food upsets the pet's stomach.