

**ANIMAL CARE LEAGUE**

# PETS & PEOPLE SUPPORT PROGRAM

WORKING TO KEEP PETS & PEOPLE TOGETHER

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Pets are proven to reduce stress and anxiety, provide companionship, encourage daily exercise and give a sense of purpose to those caring for them making the human/animal bond more important than ever during these challenging times. This program's mission will be to ensure that pets and people can stay together and that financial hardship or lack of access to food or resources will not be the determining factor in people needing to make a decision to rehome their beloved pets.

Pet food and supply packages are available by request to those in need. Packages will include food and supplies for both pet and person! In addition to the care packages, Animal Care League will work with people in need of other support services (veterinary care, pet fees, grooming, training services, etc.) and offer subsidized or free service as funds are available.

## WHO CAN QUALIFY TO RECEIVE PET FOOD & SUPPLY PACKAGES\*?

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Senior Citizens (Age 60+) who reside within the coverage area (see below)

Those experiencing financial hardship who reside within our coverage area (see below)

*\*to participate pets must be spayed or neutered. If pets are not spayed/neutered at the time of request, client must agree to sterilize in the future to continue to receive assistance*

## COVERAGE AREA

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Care Packages/Supplies as well as assistance in other areas will be available for those within Cook County with a focus on the communities within a 10 mile radius of Oak Park. Since ACL works with Oak Park, River Forest, Forest Park, North Riverside, Northlake, Melrose Park & Elmwood Park, special priority will be given to requests coming from those communities.

*\*Please note that social service agencies or other animal welfare organizations who have a client in need outside of the coverage area may request assistance via a referral through their organization. Email [support@animalcareleague.org](mailto:support@animalcareleague.org) for more information*

## HOW DO I RECEIVE MY SUPPLY PACKAGE?

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Supply packages will need to be picked up from Animal Care League's training center at 1003 Garfield in Oak Park on designated pick up days. Once a request is submitted, a volunteer will contact the requestor in 24-48 hours to give them a pick up date and time

Contactless delivery is available for seniors, those who do not have transportation/are homebound, or those at a high risk for COVID-19. Please note that delivery is needed on the request form and a volunteer will contact you to set up a delivery day/time.

## HOW DO I REQUEST A SUPPLY PACKAGE?

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Supply packages may only be requested once per month (one per client)

Please fill out the request form at: <https://forms.gle/Vmq3L12ajM4BKYky9>

If you are unable to fill the request form out via this link you can email [support@animalcareleague.org](mailto:support@animalcareleague.org) or call 708-848-8155 for assistance.

*Please allow 24-48 hours for a confirmation/response*

## WHAT DO THE SUPPLY PACKAGES INCLUDE?

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*Supplies are included by request, per the number/size/breed of pets, and as they are available*

Cat/Dog Food (dry and/or wet)

Other animal food by request/as needed (rabbit, bird, etc.)

Toys

Treats

Collars/Leashes

ID Tags

Poop Bags

Beds

Grooming Supplies (shampoo, brushes, etc)

Crates/Carriers

Hand Sanitizer

Masks

Disinfectant Spray

Disinfectant Wipes

Produce Box (human)-Provided by [Beyond Hunger](#)

Resources/referral information for other services

Coupon for [Animal Care League's Second Chance Shop](#)

## OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY

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*Other reduced fee or free services may include the following and will require additional information/application submission. Subsidy is dependent on funds available. Those with the greatest need will be prioritized.*

Spay/Neuter

Vaccinations

Microchipping

Grooming Services

Training Consultation/Services

Veterinary Care

Apartment Pet Fees/Pet Security Deposits

Fencing Services

Redemption Fees