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## **PRESS RELEASE “POOCH PANTRY”**

### **LAKE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY FOR PETS IN NEED OF DONATIONS**

The Pooch Pantry, which distributes donations of dog and cat food, domestic bird food, treats, cat litter, and other items to people who are struggling to keep their pets in a worsening economy, is in need of donations. The most critical needs at this time, says founder Cathie Sabin, are cat food and cat litter, as supplies have depleted. **The Pooch Pantry is temporarily located at Lake County Animal Control, 29278 N. Highway 83 in Mundelein**, although it is not affiliated with the agency.

Sabin, a veteran dog trainer and owner of B.C. Dog Training, recently closed her Mundelein facility due to the high cost of rent and maintenance. While she continues to operate B.C. Dog Training from her home and expects to find another business location soon, the Pooch Pantry is her number-one concern. “Before we moved out, I thought, will I be able to find another place to help people?” Sabin said. Fortunately, officials at Lake County Animal Control agreed to house the pet food pantry until Sabin has planted roots in another location.

The Pooch Pantry, which opened in January, is a mission close to Sabin’s heart. The idea took shape after a visit from a man who had lost his job and needed food for his two dogs. Turned away by several other businesses and organizations, including local shelters with no food to spare, the man entered Sabin’s dog-training facility. When she handed him a 50-pound bag of dog food, he cried. “I had never seen someone so grateful,” Sabin recalled. That night, Sabin’s vision for a food pantry for pets crystallized. She shared her idea with some of her dog-training clients, and a group of them collaborated to purchase and deliver the first donations for the pantry: 40 bags of dog food.

In addition to donations of dog and cat food (both dry and canned), treats, domestic bird food, gift cards for PetSmart, Petco, and Pet Supplies Plus (which are used to purchase cat litter), and other pet-welfare goods such as bowls and toys, Lake County Animal Control accepts donations of cat litter and resealable plastic bags. The reason for the bags? “It’s amazing how much cat litter we go through,” Sabin observed. For this reason, she encourages people to donate cat litter in 8- or 10-pound bags. “Otherwise, we’ll [use the resealable plastic bags to] break down the larger bags and containers” so that people receive equal amounts of cat litter.

**Donations for the Pooch Pantry are accepted Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. to 3p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For those unable to deliver items during these hours, donations may be placed in the overhang area in front of the Lake County Animal Control building.**

**Pick-up hours at the Pooch Pantry are Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Items are distributed behind the Animal Control facility, and all donations are confidential. For questions about the Pooch Pantry or dog training needs, contact Cathie Sabin at (847) 566-1960 or [dobes8@aol.com](mailto:dobes8@aol.com).**

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