



## Spike's Pet Pantry Program Information – Berks County

Welcome to the Spike's Pet Pantry family! Spike's Pet Pantry was established by Humane Pennsylvania to ensure that no pet in our community goes hungry, and that no family has to make the heartbreaking decision to give up their beloved family member simply because they can't afford food. While Spike's Pet Pantry aims to meet the needs of every family, program participants must understand that it is dependent on the generosity of community donations, and as such has limitations and restrictions. Please review the program information below before signing and submitting your participant questionnaire.

Spike's Pet Pantry food will be distributed at the Humane Pennsylvania Community Resource Center, located at 1350 Schuylkill Avenue, Reading PA, Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 2 PM and 6 PM (closed holidays and during inclement weather). Clients are eligible to receive one (1) food distribution per month. It may be more convenient for you to obtain your pet food through your local human food pantry – if they do not already provide pet food, please have them contact us about partnering to receive supplies.

Because all food has been acquired through donations, Spike's Pet Pantry cannot accommodate any special dietary requests or provide any prescription or other specialty foods, nor can it guarantee the quality or quantity of any food distributed. In addition, while Spike's Pet Pantry strives to ensure there is food available whenever the Pantry is open, it cannot guarantee what, if any, food will be available at any given time, so pet owners must not rely on it as the sole source of nutrition for their pet.

Since Spike's Pet Pantry strives to serve as many families as possible, participants are not eligible for additional quantities of food should they acquire any new pets. Pantry food is intended to be used for family pets only, not animals used for breeding, sport or any illegal activity or for feral or community cats (please ask about Humane Pennsylvania's alternate programs to serve feral/community cats). Low cost and/or free spay/neuter surgeries are available for participants' pets to ensure they do not have unplanned puppies/kittens – please ask for more information and to set up an appointment.

Spike's Pet Pantry is supported by dedicated volunteers who are committed to supporting their community and serve as many families as possible. While we understand that it may be frustrating to visit the Pantry and discover that there is limited or no selection or supply of food available, Pantry staff should nevertheless be treated with the same respect and courtesy that they expected to show program participants. Participants who are abusive to Pantry staff or that cannot abide by Pantry rules and restrictions may be removed from the program.

By signing and submitting the Spike's Pet Pantry Questionnaire, participants certify that they have read and understand and agree to abide by all Spike's Pet Pantry program limitations and restrictions, and agree to indemnify and hold Humane Pennsylvania and its affiliated organizations harmless for any injury or damages arising from participation in the Spike's Pet Pantry program.

***Spike's Pet Pantry is just one part of Humane Pennsylvania's Healthy Pets Initiative!  
Participants are also eligible for other services like vaccinations, microchips and spay/neuter services.  
Please ask a staff member for details!***