



***HOW TO DISCOVER WHAT YOUR LOCAL  
HUMAN WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS OFFER  
PEOPLE AND PETS***



**HUMAN ANIMAL  
SUPPORT SERVICES**



# STEP ONE: DEVELOP A SOCIAL SERVICES “ECOSYSTEM MAP”

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**Utilize this template** to create a list of local human social service providers in your area, organized by area of focus! Be sure to make a copy of the document before editing.

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**Google your local human services agencies**, by searching your location and area of need. Local municipality websites are also a great place to identify what's available. If needed, ask a volunteer to help research!

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**Consider using [findhelp.org](https://findhelp.org)** to search for human services in your area, specifically low cost programs that aim to support your local community members!

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**Consider looking on the organization's leadership page** for contact information. Once found, utilize the template above to track the organization name, contact information, and area of support (i.e. food pantry, financial assistance, housing support, etc.)

*Once you have compiled a list of human service organizations, you're ready to send them an email containing the social service provider survey link*



## STEP TWO: SURVEY YOUR SOCIAL SERVICES “ECOSYSTEM MAP”

Sample  
Template!



Hi [Insert Name],

My name is [Insert Name] from [Insert Organization], and I'm reaching out because we know that pets are family—**98% of pet owners agree!** As we work to create social service solutions that support both people and their pets in our community, we need your expertise to do so by completing **this brief survey.**

We understand that your work focuses on people, not pets. However, many of the individuals and families you serve are pet owners, and their pets play a significant role in their well-being and decision-making. Your perspective can help us better understand how pet ownership intersects with human services and how we can develop solutions that support both ends of the leash.

Your input will directly contribute to shaping resources that meet the needs of our community. Thank you for your time and the work you do!

Warm wishes,  
[Insert name]

\*\*Be sure to include links when sending email

copy & paste the  
text into an email