

Pima Animal Care Center COVID-19 Relief Drive-Through Food Distribution Proposal

Proposed Program Plan

Pima Animal Care Center will distribute 1-gallon pre-packaged, labeled bags of dog food and cat food to Pima County residents impacted by COVID-19. PACC will distribute the details of this service to social services partners in the community and members of the public who call the Pet Support department for assistance.

PACC will prepare 1-gallon bags of food for distribution via the Stuff the Pantry program run by volunteers. Patrons will drive up to a station manned by volunteers and receive bagged food through their car window. Staff and volunteers will practice social distancing and are encouraged to wear appropriate PPE: Face masks will be highly suggested at all times. Patrons will be encouraged, but not required to wear face masks when receiving food. Staff/volunteers will utilize an easy-up, a table, and chairs to protect themselves from excess sun exposure/heat exhaustion. Volunteers will keep track of how many bags of dog food and cat food we distribute each day as well as how many patrons we serve. This data will be shared with PACC management.

Staff/volunteers will briefly discuss any other needs the community member may have and refer them to contact Pet Support for the PACC Outreach Wellness Clinic if deemed necessary (i.e. animals experiencing diarrhea, upper respiratory infections, allergies, skin and ear infections, lameness, minor wounds, etc.). Fliers will be distributed to these patrons with information on contacting Pet Support.

Staff and Volunteers Involved

Planned and implemented by Liana Moss, Community Outreach Specialist, reporting to Kristen Hassen, Monica Dangler, Michelle Figueroa, and Christina Snow. Liana will train volunteers in food distribution, including set up and break down. Supported by Pup in Boots Lead Volunteer Shari Mollencroft, who will lead and organize Stuff the Pantry to prepare food for distribution. Supported by any and all volunteers that would like to assist in food preparation and distribution. Minimum two volunteers distributing food at all times. Lead volunteers will be selected to run the various days of distribution: One lead volunteer for each day.

Proposed Schedule

Food distribution would be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, 7:30am – 9:30am. This would avoid much of the heat of the day and not conflict with PACC Wellness Clinics on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Stuff the Pantry will occur on Mondays in the MPR. This schedule would keep all staff and volunteer participants on Team A for both the food distribution and Stuff the Pantry. As the program evolves and need increases, the goal will be to distribute food 5-7 days a week across Team A and Team B.

Location

Location is on the loop road behind PACC Sally Port/ Phase 2. Patrons in cars would enter via Silverbell Road at the entrance for Christopher Columbus Park and would drive to the back of PACC where volunteers would be waiting with food. Patrons would continue driving forward and turn around at the cul-de-sac at the end of the road. Drivers would exit where they entered Christopher Columbus Park. This placement avoids patrons entering and exiting via the front gates and mixing clinic/adoptions/foster/wellness clinic appointments with the drive-through. A map is below with desired location circled (I am not an artist, please excuse the way it looks).

