



Community Champions for Canines and Cats

Dear Community Member,

Thank you for your interest in helping the animals at Minneapolis Animal Care & Control. More than 4,300 animals came to the Animal Shelter last year – an increase of 23 percent. Although we often face difficult budget cuts each budget cycle, we still must feed and care for the animals that come through our doors.

We spend over \$6,000 annually to feed all the critters at MACC. Although we have attempted to work with different pet food companies, we have not found a group that is willing to donate pet food to MACC.

Community Champions for Canines and Cats is a way that individual groups can positively help the animals in our care. Any type of group – Employee groups, Scout Groups, Business Associations, Church / Youth Groups – can help out!

The program is easy!

1. Distribute a **FLYER** to your group (see below for template)
2. Set out a **COLLECTION BOX** for the donations
3. **LET FOLKS KNOW** when and where to make donations of unopened dog or cat food/treats and/or financial donations
4. Set up a time to **DELIVER THE ITEMS** to the Animal Shelter

Thanks so much for your assistance! If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Blessings,

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MACC: Committed to Serving the Community

The mission of Minneapolis Animal Care & Control is to work with residents to create safe and healthy communities for people and animals.

Each year, we handle more than 16,000 field service calls. These calls range from minor barking complaints to urgent matters such as a dog attack. Last year, we cared for 4,300 animals at the Animal Shelter. MACC has three veterinarians on staff and twelve animal care and control officers that tend to the animals in our care.

Serving the Community Day-to-Day

- Finding **adoptive homes** for stray and abandoned animals
- Working with animal rescue groups – when we cannot adopt an animal, we partner with a rescue group to re-home the pet
- Investigating **animal welfare / cruelty** cases
- Investigating animal bites and following up with enforcement
- Overseeing compliance of 300+ dangerous dogs
- Offering a **Domestic Violence Intervention Kenneling Program** – we provide no-cost kenneling for Minneapolis residents trying to leave violent relationships
- Providing public education and community awareness
- **Licensing all dogs and cats** in the City of Minneapolis – when a pet comes into the Animal Shelter wearing a pet license, 99 percent of those animals find their way back to a human.

And In Times of Great Need

Immediately after the May 2011 tornado that hit North Minneapolis, MACC provided no-cost kenneling for residents who had nowhere to bring their pets. Over a two-month period, MACC provided nearly 500 days of kenneling at no cost for our north-side neighbors which totaled more than \$10,000 in emergency aid for kenneling fees and medical costs. Fundraising can help offset these unbudgeted, but critical services.

Thank you for considering partnering with MACC to better serve the animals in our care. We truly appreciate all you can do to help the pets of Minneapolis!