



## MEALS on WHEELS MERCER COUNTY

TOGETHER, WE CAN DELIVER.

### PET PANTRY PROJECT

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This project in Mercer County was passed down to me after the previous leader went to college. In addition to looking for sources of funding and donations for this project, because it is not funded through Meals on Wheels, I buy and sort the food requested by each pet owner based on their animal's food preferences and needs. The bags of food are then delivered to each participant with their hot meals.

I am a 15 year old sophomore in high school. I am a member of the Mercer County Clever Clovers 4-H Club and was introduced to this program through my 4-H group. I am working with Sasa Montano, the CEO of Meals on Wheels of Mercer County, and Brandon Verrault, the Director of Operations. If you have questions about this program or Meals on Wheels, you can call them at 609-695-3483.

I am hoping you will see the importance of this program and help me anyway you can. I have a list of food (printed on the back of this flyer) I need to buy every week to send out. I also need help with monetary donations that help to buy any food that is not donated. You can donate by going to the website <http://www.mealsonwheelsmercer.org/donate.html> and designate your gift to the Pet Pantry. You can also run a pet food collection drive at your workplace, school, or place of worship, and I will pick up the donations from you (email [ckane173@gmail.com](mailto:ckane173@gmail.com)).

Thank you for your help!

Eli Byrnes

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Pet Foods Requested for the *Pet Pantry*

Dog: Dry food

Alpo

Pedigree (adult or small dog)

Purina

Nutrish, chicken or beef

Dog: Wet food

Cesar 3.5 oz duck/chicken/turkey (no beef)

Alpo

Pedigree

Cat: Dry Food

Kit and Kaboodle

Fancy Feast

Hill's Prescrip. CD Urinary Tract Food

Purina Cat Chow

9 Lives

Purina Urinary Tract

Friskies

Cat: Wet food

Friskies (no turkey)

Fancy Feast (no pate)

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Meow Mix Tender Centers

Whiskas (gravy only, no pate)

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