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HUMANE SOCIETY OF INDIANAPOLIS LAUNCHES PET FOOD DRIVE TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

Citizens can drop off donations at Humane Society of Indianapolis or Pet Supplies “PLUS” in June.

INDIANAPOLIS (May 25, 2009) – The Humane Society of Indianapolis (HSI) launches a month-long pet food drive on June 1 to collect dog and cat food for Indianapolis-area families in need. HSI will collect canned or bagged pet food, along with treats, toys and other donations at its 7929 Michigan Rd. facility and at all four Pet Supplies “PLUS” Indianapolis-area store locations.

“Many Hoosiers have unexpectedly found themselves jobless,” says John Aleshire, executive director for the Humane Society of Indianapolis. “It’s difficult for some to feed their families and their beloved pets, too. We want to help these families make it through difficult times without having to relinquish their family pet.”

Dog and cat food donations dropped off at HSI or Pet Supplies “PLUS” will stock the Indy Humane Pet Food Bank at the Humane Society of Indianapolis. People who temporarily have difficulty feeding their pets due to job loss or other financial hardships can take a large bag of dog or cat food from the shelter to help them through rough times.

The Humane Society of Indianapolis has seen an increase in the number of animals surrendered this year due to economic circumstances, and the amount of food donated to its food bank has substantially dwindled. The organization hopes to restock its available supply of pet food in June, and will accept donations for the Indy Humane Pet Food Bank and continue to offer assistance to families in need on an ongoing basis.

For more information, visit HSI’s website at www.indyhumane.org or Pet Supplies “PLUS” at www.pspindy.com.

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About HSI: *The Humane Society of Indianapolis is the leading voice for the welfare of animals and improving their quality of life. HSI is the first choice in providing direct services for shelter cats and dogs, including adoption, foster home placement, behavior training, appropriate medical care, and affordable spay/neuter services. As the voice for the animals, HSI brings together like-minded animal-focused*

*individuals and groups to educate the public about animal welfare issues and concerns. **For over 100 years, it's all about the animals.***

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