

Donation Guide

For

Coming Back Home Rescue



Please use this guide to assist in answering any questions you may have when it comes to items we accept or don't accept. You may be surprised what we take in! We thank everyone who supports us every step of the way and continue to be able to save lives thanks to your contribution. If there is an item you don't see on the list, do not hesitate to reach out. You can also make a monetary donation for a specific item which you can clarify on our Zeffy Form. For transparency purposes, we have included average monthly costs per section. These are what we typically(must) buy to keep in stock. Sometimes it's more or less.

While we do donation porch pick-ups, we are unable to accommodate large items for transport at this time and can only be dropped off to our Willoughby location. Thank you.

BEDDING / HOUSING SUPPLIES

Blankets Pillow / Cases Comforters Bed Sheets Towels / Rags	Washable Pee Pads Cooling Mats Heat Pads Bowls Spill Mats	Playpens Huts Cages DIY Supplies for Wintering Huts
Puppy Pads Potty Training Door Bells Potty Indoor Grass	Litter (any) Litter Boxes Litter Catch Mats	Please email to inquire about additional items.

IMPORTANT: All items must be new or gently used as shredded/destroyed items could be potentially dangerous to the dogs or cats. Please refrain from donating down-feathers as goose feathers can become an allergy risk. All items should be cleaned prior to donation. We will not accept soiled items.

[Average Monthly Costs for Housing Items: \$70]

[x2 Puppy Pads and x2 Litter]

STIMULATION SUPPLIES

Generic Dog Toys Generic Cat Toys Treat-Reward Toy Kongs Tree Tuggers Floor Tuggers	Cat Tree / Scratch Post Puzzles Snuffle Mats Activity Mats Lick Mats	Mini Radio / Video Robotic Toys Heartbeat / White Noise Fake Paper Grass DIY Toys
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Stimulation DIY

Did you know we will accept crafty creations from our community? Toys get expensive when purchasing them from the store and we understand not everyone is able to buy something new and shiny - and let's be honest, toys don't always last as long as they are worth!

However, we will not accept easily shredded fine cloth items or old laundry! Please contact us before donating DIY pet toys. We can help you find pet safe materials or designs that are much easier to supervise. All DIY items are heavily supervised during playtime.

[Average Monthly Costs for Stimulation Items: \$30]

[2-3 Replacement Toys]

FOOD SUPPLIES

Preferred Pet Foods for Coming Back Home Rescue Animals

Our Preferred Choice Overall



As of 4/1/2023, Coming Back Home Rescue has decided that for our preferred brand of dog and cat food is Taste of the Wild. The reason we chose this brand:

- Meets expectations of limited "junk" ingredients.
- Limited recall history.
- Easily accessible locally.
- Offers allergy friendly options.
- Fairly budget friendly.

We do not have a dedicated "flavor" and will use anything by TOTW. They offer grain-allergy free options and protein-allergy free options. "Chicken Byproduct" is the number one when it comes to common allergies and will generally avoid flavors with this listed ingredient. Top flavors are:

- Bison
- Lamb
- White Fish
- Salmon

Do you accept other brands from donations?

Yes, we do! We are generally open to most food options and more specifically, when it comes to wet food. Other great brands are Tiki Cat, Wellness, PurinaOne, Canidae and select others. However, we do have brands we avoid. While we do have a "Brand Avoidance" list, we will still accept them in dire emergencies (like a large arrival of puppies). Read below to see what we're avoiding.

<p>Brand Avoidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dog Chow ● Iams ● Purina Beneful ● Gravy Train ● Cesar ● Kibble n Bits ● Pedigree 	<p>Ingredient Avoidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Corn ● Corn Starch ● Corn Syrup ● Sugar ● High Sodium ● Meat-Meal ● Bone-Meal ● Artificial Colorings
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Why do you avoid these brands?

While our list could go on about the things we avoid, it's important to understand the reason why we avoid certain brands. Corn is often used in a lot of cheaper brands of food, because it's cheap. Unfortunately, as much as some of us may like corn, it's just not a digestible ingredient and can lead to digestive complications. Sugar, while almost impossible to avoid in a lot of discount treats, is like giving a child cans of Redbull. Just like us, it can lead to weight issues, cavities and diabetes. "-meal" is typically categorized as anything part of an animal that we won't eat. However, there are good and bad when it comes to by-products and -meals. Lower quality, which is what we won't want to feed our dogs usually won't list the type of protein. Chicken Byproducts, while not our favorite, at least let us know what protein is being put into the food, and with some brands, tend to be better quality. The dog food market was catered to humans, so don't be fooled when you see those pretty colored Kibble. They contain loads of sugars and artificial dyes. These are just some of the reasons why we avoid these things and highly recommend doing research when looking for a new brand of food.

What do you do with food you don't accept?

If at any point we are donated food we don't use, we donate pet food or supplies to other small rescues who may be able to use it or to our community who are going through financial hardships.

<p><u>Additional Accepted</u> Dental Chews (Any) Biscuits Training Treats</p>	<p>Freeze-Dried Treats Soft Chews Bully Chews (Inquire First) Raw</p>	<p><u>WILL NOT ACCEPT</u> Rawhide, Corn Puffs, and Heavily Dyed Treats</p>
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[Average Monthly Costs for Food: \$280]

[2 Bags of Taste of the Wild Dry Dog Food (28lb)(Averages \$60per) and 2 Bags of Undefined Cat Dry Food (16lb)(Averages \$30 per) - X Misc Wet Food and Treats (Av.\$100)]

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Wound Care

Bandages / Wraps Gauze First-Aid Kits Wound Cleaner	Derma-Gel Antibiotic Cream Burn Cream Neosporin	Styptic Powder (Bleed Stop) Plastic Protective Collars Inflatable Collars
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Skin Care and Allergy

Anti-Fungal Shampoo Cortisone	Ringworm Cream Hot Spot Spray	Tear Stain Wipes Ear Mite Prevention
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Dental Care

Medicated Toothpaste Dog / Cat Toothbrush	Dental Chews Plaque Gel
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Anxiety Relief

FeliWay Base / Refill Pheromone Diffuser	Hemp / CBD Treats Pet Designed Oils	Thunder Shirt Anxiety Bed / Blankets
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Prescriptions or Medications

Benadryl (Pink Tabs or Liq.) Trazodone Doxycycline	Heartworm Prevention Flea/Tick Prevention Dewormer Panacur / Pyrantel Pamoate	FVRCP Vaccine DAPP / DHPP Vaccine Bordetella Vaccine
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Medical Tools

20/23Ga x 1" Disposable Needles Disposable Needle Box Fecal Testing Floatation - Fecal Testing Urine Testing	Protective Gear Gloves Masks Face Shields Aprons
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Misc. Items

Towels / Rags Blankets	Rubbing Alcohol Hydrogen Peroxide 3%	Baby Wipes Neonatal Care
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Call to Inquire About Need

Tweezer / Scissors Diabetic Equipment Prednisone Metoprolol	Carprofen Grapiprant Meloxicam Amoxicillin	Gabapentin Tramadol Aloedine Shampoo Misc.
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Why We Need These Type of Supplies;

Many animals that come to us from the pound are not vaccinated, sterilized and/or need medical attention. With these supplies in hand, we feel more confident in tackling more complex cases. The more prepared we are, the higher the chances are for a good outcome.

How Medical Donations Are Used;

All donations are used for their intended purposes, or for the care of the animals that come in. If no animal is experiencing symptoms that require a specific item, donations are stored appropriately on shelves or in containers and rotated in a FIFO system.

Where Do Extras or Unneeded Donations Go;

In the event we have too many of one item or do not have a use for another, it is networked out among our rescue partners who may be in need. It can be shipped, go with rescue transport or delivered to our partners. In the event no rescue is in need, it will be donated to families in need or taken elsewhere to be donated like volunteer-based clinics.

Best Sites to Order Specific Supplies;

[Pet Meds Online: Trusted Pharmacy for Pet Medicine | Allivet](#)

- For most medical needs, prescriptions, and vaccines. You do not need a prescription to order vaccines. Please contact us for correct vaccines if you are not sure.

[Cheap flea, tick treatments, heart & intestinal worming for dogs & cats - PetBucket](#)

- For getting heartworm preventative without the need of a prescription. Many rescues use this site.

[Pet Medical Supplies & Equipment: Cat & Dog Medical Supplies | Chewy RX](#)

- Chewy also offers a lot of medical equipment more specific to cats and dogs.

[Average Monthly Costs for Medical Supplies: \$500]

5 DAPP/DHPP Vaccines

Gloves

Hydrogen Peroxide

5 FVRCP Vaccines

Disposable Needles / Box

Dewormer

5 Bordetella Vaccines

Heartworm/Flea/Tick Prevention

An estimate of costs as monthly varies by how many animals come in and what medical scenarios we are tackling. This does not include spay/neuter or clinic visits.

MISC. ITEMS AND SUPPLIES

Bowls (ceramic or stainless) Plates Raised Feeders Anti-Spill Mats Dish Soap (Dawn Pref.) Sponges	Oat-Free Shampoo Groom Brushes Wash Brushes Ear Cleaner General Groom Supplies	Leashes Collars Harnesses Byte Tags / HeyBuddy Tags
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These items vary and the average monthly costs are not generated here as they are often donated or not a large need. However, everything here helps, regardless. Especially for our fosters.