OC Animal Care to Host the Family Fur-st Pet Food Pantry

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TUSTIN, Calif. (June 3, 2020) – OC Animal Care will be kicking off the Family Fur-st Drive Thru Pet Pantry to support Orange County families in need of pet food. The Family Fur-st Pet Food Pantry events will take place on the second Saturday of every month while food is available, and the need is still present in the community.

In collaboration with the Animal Assistance League of Orange County, SoCal Animal Response Team, and The Shamrock Rescue Foundation, the first event will take place on Saturday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the OC Animal Care facility located at 1630 Victory Road in Tustin.

"This event will provide a helping hand to families with pets who are experiencing financial strain during these challenging times," said Chairwoman Michelle Steel, Second District Supervisor.

Pet owners will get a bag of food for their dog, cat, or rabbit while supplies last.

"The financial burden suffered by many people because of COVID-19 has made it very difficult for people to feed and provide for their pets," said Vice Chairman Andrew Do, First District Supervisor. "The goal of the drive-thru pantry is to support Orange County residents and make it easier for them to hopefully keep their pets and not give them up for financial reasons."

The event will follow public health recommendations and allow attendees to remain in their vehicle while volunteers load the food. Families are asked to leave their pets at home to make this event run as efficiently as possible.

"The County recognizes pets have played an important role during this stressful time and is focused on connecting families with available resources." added Supervisor Donald Wagner, Third District.

Pet owners will also get information on other resources for their pet. Anyone interested in supporting this effort can donate food directly to the Animal Assistance League Amazon wish list.

"We are happy to partner with organizations who are focused on providing help to our community during difficult times," said Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Fourth District. "By partnering and working together, we can make Orange County a better place for everyone."

OC Animal Care is still closed to visitors but continues to provide essential services including adoptions by appointment only. For more information about the Family Fur-st Pet Food Pantry and future events, please visit the OC Animal Care website at ocpetinfo.com.

"We will continue to find new ways to help support the pet owners in Orange County." Said Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District. "Together we can help keep families whole."

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OC Animal Care is the largest municipal animal shelter in Orange County. It services 14 cities and takes in over 18,000 animals each year. For more information about OC Animal Care please visit www.ocpetinfo.com