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The SPCA Cincinnati Introduces Chow Now Pantry to Support Pet Parents

Cincinnati, OH – The **SPCA Cincinnati** is proud to introduce its current initiative: **Chow Now Pantry!** This program is fostered by a relationship with **Clossman Catering** in which we will feed 700 dogs, as well as cats and small animals, weekly. The **SPCA Cincinnati** has been Cincinnati's hometown shelter since 1873, with many "firsts" to benefit animal welfare – the Chow Now Pantry is another first. The public health crisis has placed a financial strain on families, and one of the most critical resources for every community is access to food. The SPCA looks to fill-in the gap for pet parents who need assistance. This initiative will continue for as long as there is an opportunity to serve, in an effort to combat the challenges of the current pandemic.

The **SPCA Cincinnati** will reach the community through our Chow Now Pantry Food Truck that will visit various pop up locations in the Greater Cincinnati area. Pop up locations have been identified with **SPCA's** partner – **Tikkun Farms**. **Tikkun Farms** is a 3.5-acre family farm in Mt. Healthy. We ask that the public follow the **SPCA Cincinnati** on Facebook for forthcoming Chow Now Pantry information.

How can you help? Bring dry or canned pet food, as well as anything for small animals, to the **SPCA Cincinnati** in Sharonville at 11900 Conrey Road, Cincinnati OH 45249. We have contactless drop off through the shelter's Humane Education doors **between 1-5 pm on the following dates:**

- November 13, 14, 15
- November 27, 28, 29
- December 4, 5, 6

"The Chow Now Pantry is something we've been planning to implement for a while now," says Mike Retzlaff, VP of Operations for the **SPCA Cincinnati**. "Our goal is to keep people and pets together! Pets give hope and comfort that everyone deserves, especially through challenging times. The Chow Now Pantry initiative helps make our goals possible, providing essential resources to maintain their health."

An estimated 10 million pets could be displaced in the coming months because of renters at risk of eviction during the pandemic, according to the Humane Society of the United States. Statistics such as this is something the **SPCA Cincinnati** is cognizant of, and is working to prevent in our region. For inquiries regarding this program, please reach Nyketa Gaffney, the **SPCA Cincinnati's** Public Relations Manager, at 513-526-3767 or by email at ngaffney@spcacincinnati.org.

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