

Struggling pet owners offered help

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- The Kentucky Humane Society says it will hand out free pet food beginning this weekend to families who need it.

The organization says beginning Saturday, families can pick up the pet food every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. EDT at its Louisville main campus.

Kentucky Humane Society President and CEO Lori Kane Redmon says the goal is to help keep more dogs and cats with their families.

The weekly pet food bank will serve families on a first-come, first-served basis. Pet owners must bring photo identification and complete a brief application, but proof of income will not be required.

There is no end date for the program.

The Kentucky Humane Society says in the past seven months, it has had a 14 percent increase in the number of pets surrendered.