Whether it is a house fire, natural disaster, or domestic violence, people from all walks of life find themselves temporarily displaced from their homes and often have difficulty finding shelter for both their families and pets. Recognizing that there is a dire need for emergency sheltering of pets, The Anti-Cruelty Society has established the SAFE program in an effort to protect disaster and violence victims and their animals.

**General Program Information:**
- The Anti-Cruelty Society provides up to 30 days of free pet boarding for all approved program applicants.
- The Society will provide daily food, water, socialization, exercise, and basic preventive medical care for pets who enter the SAFE program.
- All pets admitted into the program will also receive free medical services, including a physical examination, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and a microchip.
- Confidentiality is of utmost importance. Only the referring agency and The Anti-Cruelty Society's program coordinators will have any client identifying information.
- Animals who are admitted into the program are either housed on-site or are placed in one of our licensed foster homes.
- Owners whose pets remain on-site are encouraged to visit.

**Program Guidelines:**
- The SAFE Program is for one-time use. Applicants who have utilized the service in the past will not be eligible to enroll again.
- SAFE clients are required to communicate their housing status with their assigned program coordinator weekly. Clients who fail to complete weekly check-ins may forfeit their right to utilize the program.
- Pets must be in good health upon admission into the program and behaviorally sound.
- Pets who are housed in foster care are not available for visitation.
- Program space is limited. Clients are served on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Program Requirements:**
- Complete a program application.
- Social services referral. If referral is unavailable, we must be provided with a copy of a signed lease for a future move-in date.
- Consent for spay/neuter surgery, if procedure has not already been performed previously.

**Additional Considerations:**
The Anti-Cruelty Society provides the best possible care for each animal during their sheltering period. Potential clients should note that there are inherent risks in boarding any animal, including but not limited to changes in the animal's behavior or weight, or exposure to a contagious disease. For this reason we encourage pet owners to exhaust every other option before applying to enter their pet into the SAFE Program.

In the event that an animal's health or behavior declines, The Anti-Cruelty Society may request that an animal be removed from the program.

The SAFE Program provides housing for a maximum of 30 days. If an owner is unable to find new accommodations after a month has elapsed, The Anti-Cruelty Society reserves the right to place the animal up for adoption.

Applications for the SAFE Program are available at our Adoption Center at 510 N. LaSalle Street or on our website at [www.anticruelty.org](http://www.anticruelty.org).
The Chicago animal welfare community is committed to helping the pets of people in need. The following organizations offer pet food and other care supplies to pet owners throughout the city.

**Animal Welfare League**  
6224 S. Wabash Ave.  
(773) 667-0088  
Provisions: Pet food  
Requirements: Must be 65 years old or older, be a veteran, or have a disability  
[animalwelfareleague.com](http://animalwelfareleague.com)

**Care for Real**  
5341 N. Sheridan Rd.  
(773) 769-6182  
Provisions: Pet food  
[careforreal.org](http://careforreal.org)

**Friendship Pet Food Pantry**  
2733 W. Lawrence Ave.  
(773) 907-6388  
Provisions: Pet food; Cat litter, toys, leashes when available  
Requirements: Chicago resident and proof of spay or neuter  
[friendshippetpantry.org](http://friendshippetpantry.org)

**Irving Park Community Food Pantry**  
3801 N. Keeler Ave.  
(800) 521-7560  
Provisions: Pet Food  
Requirements: Resident of zip codes 60641 or 60618  
[irvingparkfoodpantry.com](http://irvingparkfoodpantry.com)

**PAWS Chicago Pet Food Bank**  
3516 W. 26th St.  
(773) 475-9426  
Provisions: Pet food and supplies  
[pawschicago.org](http://pawschicago.org)

**Pets Are Like Family**  
Northwest side of Chicago  
(312) PALF-315  
Provisions: Pet food and supplies  
Requirements: Email help@petsarelikefamily.org  
[petsarelikefamily.org](http://petsarelikefamily.org)

**Red Door Animal Shelter**  
7648 N. Paulina St.  
(773) 764-2242  
Provisions: Pet food  
Requirements: Proof of government aid  
[reddoorshelter.org](http://reddoorshelter.org)

**Tree House Pet Food Pantry**  
(773) 784-5488  
Provisions: Pet food  
Requirements: Proof of low-income  
[treehousehumane.org](http://treehousehumane.org)