



LifeLine
ANIMAL PROJECT

Donor Digest

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Towels. Blankets. Leashes, harnesses, and collars. Bags of litter, stacks of newspaper, bins full of clothes and food. Perhaps you've seen a mountain of supplies in LifeLine's Community Animal Center lobby and wondered, "Where does all this stuff *go*?"

Thanks to our humble origins dating back to 2002 when LifeLine was operating on a shoestring budget, running a lean operation is in our very lifeblood. The "fix everything, waste nothing" philosophy is long-held and runs deep. This extends to our distribution of in-kind donations: all those toys, treats, crates and more, stacked and ready for sorting at our shelter locations.

Read on to see how these donations are put to use within our shelters and clinics and out in the community. These supplies make an enormous difference for the dogs and cats in our care, *and* you're saving money for Lifeline and reducing the amount of waste in our community! As the old saying goes, one person's recycling is an animal shelter's treasure. We're so grateful!



Donated newspaper is always helpful at the Community Animal Center and College Park spay/neuter clinics. LifeLine also shares newspaper with the DeKalb and Fulton shelters when it's needed. Cats like Birdie appreciate fresh paper in their kennels!

Towels are used daily throughout the shelters and clinics for animal care and comfort. If the Community Animal Center

receives more than they can store and use, extras go to the DeKalb and Fulton shelters.

Toys and supplies like beds, crates, leashes, collars, litter boxes, and litter are sorted based on what's in demand throughout our shelters. Any surplus goes to foster families, shelter partners, or gets shared with our pet-owning community.



We have an exclusive pet food contract within our shelters so the cats and dogs in our care receive a consistent and thoughtfully planned diet. However, donated food can go to many different recipients and programs within the LifeLine community. Pet owners who receive assistance through our Pets for Life program, at Healthy Pets events, and at the DeKalb food pantry and mobile food bank all benefit from these donations of pet food.



LifeLine's No-Waste Approach

Your donations are distributed through out shelters, clinics, and are shared with our community most in need of these resources. They're sorted with purpose to ensure every donation is matched with the area of greatest need.

WHAT WE RECEIVE



Fulton County Animal Services



DeKalb County Animal Services



LifeLine's Community Animal Center



LifeLine Spay & Neuter Clinic



Shared With The Community





With 60 or more new animals entering our shelters a day, and this community's need for support intensifying, LifeLine is always grateful for donated items. Thank you for considering us in your reuse and recycling plans! While we try to put all supplies to good use, there are some things we cannot accept. Please check our [wishlist](#) for the most up-to-date needs, as well as items we're unable to use.



The animals in our shelters and our community thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in reallocating your recyclables and resources. Sharing really is caring!

If you have any questions about the work LifeLine is doing or how you can stay involved, please [email Jennifer Eddy](#), LifeLine's Chief Development Officer. We'd love to hear from you!



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