

ANIMEALS



During our regular home visits, we learned that some of our clients were sharing delivered meals with their pets because they simply could not afford to purchase pet food. Research clearly supports the health benefits to seniors from having a companion animal. We did not want our meal recipients to have to make a decision between feeding themselves and feeding their precious pets.

The **Animeals** program was developed in response to this need.

Through **Animeals** of Meals on Wheels, we solicit donations of pet food from individuals in the community, supported by and collected at the local veterinary clinics and animal hospitals. **No monetary donations are accepted for this program.** Pets of meal recipients are provided with a regular supplemental delivery of food through these donations.

Donations of food can be dropped off at the following locations:

Boonsboro Animal Hospital
6097 Boonsboro Road

Diamond Hill Animal Hospital
1400 Main Street

Gentle Care Animal Hospital
1365 Thomas Jefferson Rd

Lake Forest Animal Hospital
18510 Forest Road

Peaksview Animal Hospital
802 Wiggington Road

Pet Cabana
21664 Timberlake Road
18479 Forest Road

Ridgewood Animal Hospital
Route 221 & Perrowville Road

Rustburg Veterinary Clinic
1334 Calohan Rd

Seven Hills Animal Hospital
3431 Waterlick Road

Timberlake Animal Hospital
20608 Timberlake Road

VCA Amherst Animal Hospital
3327 South Amherst Hwy

Meals on Wheels Office
605 Clay Street
434.847.0796

Consider making a donation of pet food in honor or in memory of your favorite pet!

Excerpt from Meals on Wheels Newsletter:

*I must admit, at first I did not understand **Animeals**. 'Why are they spending all this time and energy on pet food,' I wondered?*

Then I met the people: the meal recipients who could not leave home, whose pets are like family to them. These pets provide the companionship that people no longer provide. And so, of course it made sense they will not let this furry friend go hungry, even if it means sharing their own meal.

Thanks to the generosity of this community, especially the local veterinary clinics and their patrons,

Meals on Wheels is able to distribute dog and cat food to our meal recipients to supplement their personal supply. No program monies are spent on this service.

We are very grateful to those who donate pet food, and also to the Vet Clinics who graciously provide space to collect the donations.

For more information, go to mealsynchburg.org/services/animeals/

