



Thanksgiving Food Exchange: You Help People – We Help Pets

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The Thanksgiving Food Exchange is a food drive with a twist we hold each November. We collect human food from our wonderful clients and friends. The cans of corn, jars of peanut butter and boxes of cereal are weighed on the pet scale in our lobby and we keep a chart showing the

weight of all the donations. We give all that human food to Metrocrest Social Services in Carrollton. Last year it was over 750 lbs. Then in December, All Creatures donates an equal amount of Hill's® Pet Food to Operation Kindness – the no-kill animal shelter in Carrollton. We are going to continue the Food Exchange this year and our goal is to collect and donate 1000 lbs. of food. So even if you aren't one of our clients, feel free to bring your human food donations by our office at 2525 E Hebron Pkwy. at Marsh Ridge Rd. It will do double duty by helping the cats and dogs at Operation Kindness.

A list of commonly needed items from Metrocrest's web site: Peanut butter, Canned fruit, Mac & Cheese, Flavored rice & pasta "helpers" & "ronis", Breakfast Cereal.



Do You Have a Secret Cat?

The other day one of our favorite clients caught me completely by surprise when she brought in her cat. I was surprised because I had no idea she had a cat. I had only met her dog. Cats now outnumber dogs as pets in the U.S. but very few cats ever have a health checkup. That's kind of sad for all those secret cats. Cats are masters at hiding illness, so usually sickness or disease has to be severe before their human notices. (1) One thing you can do for your cat is to watch for subtle signs of sickness. You can find a good tutorial at www.healthycatsforlife.com and click on the *Did You Know?* box. (2) The best thing you can do for your cat is to get a regular wellness checkup. We are making that

easier this month, by extending our new client discount to any new cat wellness visit. So now is a really great time to surprise us with that family member we never met - your cat.

OFFER	\$25 Off First Exam/Consult – New clients or cats only (even if you are a current client, if you have a cat we have never examined or not seen in over 2 years this discount applies.)
	All offers Expire December 4, 2010

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