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## Senator Flanagan Joins Long Island Cares To Protect Local Pets

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Senator John Flanagan (2nd Senate District) is once again joining with **Long Island Cares** to support their annual **Legislative Pet Food Drive Challenge**. This event helps restock their pet pantry to assist struggling Long Island families care for their pets.

**Baxter's Pet Pantry**, which was created by Long Island Cares in partnership with the Animal Relief Fund Inc. (ARF) in 2009, strives to provide pet owners throughout Long Island with access to the supplies their animals need. The pantry collects pet food, toys, pet clothes and other supplies for all types of family pets including dogs, cats, fish, birds and others.

As part of the pet food drive, Senator Flanagan's office will serve as a collection site for Long Island Cares through Tuesday, April 30th. Pet supply donations can be dropped off at Senator Flanagan's Smithtown district office, which is located at **260 Middle Country Road**, during normal business hours.

According to Long Island Cares, the most needed items are:

- 5 or 10 pound bags of dog and cat food – though they do accept larger bags as well
- Canned food for dogs and cats
- Kitty Litter
- Dog and Cat Treats
- Collars and Leashes
- Food for all pets – including reptiles, fish, ferrets, hamsters and more
- Fish Food
- New Pet Toys

Long Island Cares requests that all pet food be unopened and in its original packaging.

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*“Every year, it is our great privilege to join with Long Island Cares in their effort to help families protect their pets. In many homes in our community, pets are a crucial part of the family that brings love and friendship and they must be protected when tough times hit. It is our hope that everyone who is able will join us in the effort to help those in need this year,” stated Senator Flanagan.*