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Senator Flanagan Again Joining Long Island Cares To Help Protect Pets

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Senator John Flanagan (2nd Senate District) is proud to again join with **Long Island Cares** to help protect pets throughout our region. To assist the organization's **9th Annual Legislative Pet Food Drive Drive**, **Senator Flanagan's district office** will serve as a collection point for pet supplies in an effort to help the charity restock **Baxter's Pet Pantry** to help ensure that Long Island families in need are able to care for their pets.

Baxter's Pet Pantry was created by **Long Island Cares** in 2009, in partnership with the Animal Relief Fund Inc. (ARF), to help pet-owning families throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties

get the supplies they need. In addition to providing pet food, the Pet Pantry offers toys, pet clothes and other pet necessities.

To make it convenient for donors, a donation box will be outside Senator Flanagan's office, which is located at [260 Middle Country Road in Smithtown](#). Residents can drop off pet supplies at the office during normal business hours from now through Friday, May 29th.

Long Island Cares accepts donations for all types of family pets including dogs, cats, fish, birds and others. The organization has stated that its most needed pet items are:

- 5 or 10 pound bags of dog and cat food
- Canned food for dogs and cats
- Dog and cat treats
- Collars and leashes
- Food For all animals including birds, fish, ferrets and hamsters
- Fish food
- Cat litter
- Small new toys

According to Long Island Cares, all donated pet food must be unopened and in its original packaging. For health reasons, the organization will not accept opened bags, ripped bags or loose pet food.

“Simply put, pets are family members to many Long Islanders and they deserve our support. The love they provide to both kids and adults is an important comfort for people throughout our region – especially during tough times. Thanks to the wonderful dedication of the men and women of Long Island Cares, Baxter's Pet Pantry helps provide a safety net for these

families so that they can take care of all their family members. We are happy to play a small role in their efforts and hope everyone who is able will donate to this worthwhile cause," stated Senator Flanagan.

For additional information on [Long Island Cares](#) or [Baxter's Pet Pantry](#), please visit their web site at www.licares.org or call them at 631-582-FOOD.