

A Charity Worth Its Weight in Pet Food

A few thoughts by Audree Berg, owner of Auggie's Doggies at Marando Farms



We would like to take this issue to tell you about a wonderful group of individuals – Broward Meal on Wheels. In addition to providing essential services that improve health, reduce isolation and promote independent living for seniors in our community, Broward Meals on Wheels provides meals for companion pets.

Meals for Companion Pets (MCFP) is a volunteer effort providing pet food to homebound and disabled seniors in Broward County.

All pet food is either purchased in bulk or – as we at Auggie's Doggies do – donated.

MCFP delivers pet food on the second the third Saturdays of each month

Because pets are sensitive to a change in diet, MFCP blends the entire lot of pet food together to ensure that each animal receives a consistent diet. They cannot cater to the special dietary needs of each pet. They are able to provide pet food for a maximum of two pets. Clients are asked to contribute \$3.00 per pet for this service.

For dogs, MFCP delivers 4 pounds of dry food and 7 (12 ounce) cans for every 10 pounds of the dog's weight. For cats, they deliver 5 pounds of dry food, and 7 (5.5 ounce) cans of food for every cat. These items are delivered monthly. They can't – and don't – feed stray or wild neighborhood cat populations.

Eligibility is open to every Broward Meals on Wheels clients who has qualifying pet, to any homebound individual in Broward County who has no one to shop for their pet needs, and is unable to leave their home unassisted. These individuals are referred to MFCP by recognized service agency or social workers to verify their need. Enrollment in the program is based upon receipt of a request for service from any Broward County social service agency.

We at Auggie's Doggies encourage you to join us in supporting this wonderful, worthwhile organization. Please drop off any food that you would like to donate at our store at Marando Farms.

