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Frostburg Lions conducting pet food drive in August

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FROSTBURG — The Frostburg Lions Club is sponsoring its first Pet Food Drive during August.

Lions will be collecting pet food at the Frostburg Farmers Market, every Friday from 9 to noon on Main Street.

The drive will benefit the Ark of Hope Animal Rescue and no kill shelter in Oldtown.

"Every animal lover should help with this Pet Food Drive," said Lions President Bill Munck. "This is the best way to help our abused, abandoned and neglected friends."

During the "Ducky" incident in Allegany County, Lions wanted to help find and care for Ducky, but were unable to. Born of that desire to help, the Pet Food Drive came to life — a way to help that would have a positive impact on shelter animals in the county.

Ducky was a resident of the Ark of Hope during his recovery. "We want to help them all," said Lion Linda Baker, "and

this Food Drive is a way for everyone to make a contribution, no matter how small or large."

The Ark of Hope will be this year's beneficiary, receiving all collected pet food and monetary contributions.

The Ark is a non-profit organization that rescues animals that have been abused, abandoned and neglected. Once at the Ark, the animals get the medical treatments that they need, and they are provided with food, are bathed, receive a warm room and a comfortable bed. They are cared for until they are ready to be placed up for adoption. When healthy enough, the animal will be spayed, neutered and vaccinated.

The Ark is operated by Dianne Care, her husband Bobby, their son Bobby, 3, and their daughter Elizabeth.

"Our goals for this first ever Pet Food Drive are simple," said Munck. "We want to collect 500 pounds of dry dog and cat food, 10 cases of canned

food, 100 pounds of cat litter and \$500 cash for the shelter."

In addition to food, the shelter can use cash for special diets, toys, blankets, Kuranda beds and to pay some of its vet bills.

First United Bank, Frostburg, is the first business to partner with Frostburg Lions Club for the community service project. First United will be a pet food drop-off point for the drive.

Mary Lyn Longley, branch manager said, "We are very pleased to partner with the Frostburg Lions, and the Ark of Hope, to collect pet food and promote this project."

County residents are encouraged to help out the Lions and make contributions to the drive. Pet food can be dropped off each Friday at the Farmers Market in Frostburg, and at other times at First United Bank, Frostburg, and the Hotel Gunter, downtown Frostburg. Checks can be mailed to: Pet Food Drive, P.O. Box 371, Frostburg, MD 21532.

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Frostburg Lions continue drive

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The Frostburg Lions is continuing its pet food drive through August. The club is collecting pet food, and donations each Friday from 9 a.m.

to noon at the Frostburg Farmers Market and proceeds go to Ark of Hope Animal Rescue.

The organization set a goal of 500 pounds of dry pet food, 10 cases of canned food, and \$500 in donations. So far, approximately 160 pounds of dry food, four cases of canned food, and \$225 have been collected.

The Ark of Hope Animal Rescue has determined that it costs an average of \$1,485 to feed and house its 33 current residents. Medical care significantly adds to that amount. All staff at the shelter are volunteers.

Pet food, supplies and monetary donations can be dropped off at First United Bank, Frostburg, and Hotel Gunter, Main Street. Donations are tax deductible.

For information, call the Frostburg Lions at: 301-687-0212. Monetary contributions can be mailed to Pet Food Drive, P. O. Box 371, Frostburg, MD 21532.

Visit the Ark of Hope website at <http://www.arkofhoperecue.org>.