

**Pet Pantry Report -- 2023**  
**Church of the Good Shepherd**  
**January 21, 2024**

In looking at 2023, this is the second year for Pet Pantry at Church of the Good Shepherd. This program was initiated to assist patrons of Enough Ministries who had dogs and cats to have a consistent resource to provide their pets adequate food. Without such, patrons would often be unable to keep their pets which were such a major support factor in their lives. The need for this program was particularly evident in 2023 due to the July Flood in Barre. The need for pet food assistance rose from 946 gallon bags in 2022 to 1646 bags in 2023, an average increase of 51 bags per month, clearly validating the need to continue this ministry into 2024. Patrons were extremely grateful for this opportunity. In addition, due to the gifting of one of our participating parishioners, we were also able to provide special food this year for senior dogs and others requiring a softer, smaller kibble. I would like to thank the many parishioners who supported this program by providing product, funding, and/or labor: Philip Morros, Beth Mueller, Felicia & Leo Martineau, Ron & Christina Hirsch, Cindy & Jim Willis, Kim Bryant, Amy Eschelbach, Becky Eschelbach, and Jane McDonald.

Respectfully Submitted,

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