

Pet food bank set up in Edinburgh

A survey recently revealed that over 1 million people in Scotland are living in poverty.

Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home is witness to the evidence of that on a regular basis and has decided to take action to help dogs, cats (and also people) in need by launching its first dedicated dog and cat foodbank on Wednesday 16 October 2019.

The foodbank will offer wet and dry food, jackets, collars, leads, bowls and bedding. The Home's dedicated and passionate staff will also be on hand to offer pet care advice as part of this service.

Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home cared for 2,367 dogs and 771 cats in 2018, many came from loving homes and families. Social problems such as financial issues, illness, homelessness and domestic abuse can all mean people might struggle to feed or look after their pet. The Home hopes the new pet foodbank will help empower owners to continue to care for their own animals.

Lindsay Fyffe-Jardine, Deputy to the CEO and Director of Operations, at Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home said: "Our team regularly receive heart-breaking enquiries from members of the public struggling to choose between feeding themselves or their pets. The Home takes in hundreds of dogs and cats in need of a second chance however there are times where some of these animals are coming from loving families who can no longer cope with their care. We hope by establishing our own dedicated pet foodbank that we can keep some of those much-loved dogs and cats with their loved ones while continuing to support those in need."

