

Dogs Donate Blood

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The need for human blood is greater than ever, and like us, dogs need blood too. With just one pint of blood, four pet lives can be saved.

Jill Wohlfel with the Humane Society said, "Animal blood can not be stored for more than thirty days and if your animal is in an emergency, you want to make sure blood is there for your pet."

An animal's best chance for survival is a blood transfusion, and to help other pets who need medical attention later, pet owners have lined up at this year's "Best Friends for Life Blood Drive."

Bridget Stephenson is one of those owners. "I brought my dog in to see if he could be a donor."

But dogs weren't the only ones giving blood on Saturday morning—pet owners gave blood.

Christine Hill, another pet owner giving blood, said, "It's needed, and people don't realize pets can donate its important that these hospitals have fresh blood."

Listed below is the criteria for dogs and cats, in order to be full-time blood donors.

Dogs:

- * Must be 60 pounds.
- * 1 to 7 years of age, depending on breed
- * In good health
- * A good disposition
- * Available for a minimum of four donations per year

Cats:

- * Must be 10 pounds or over in body weight
- * 1 to 8 years of age
- * Indoor cat
- * A good disposition
- * Available for a minimum of four donations per year.

For more information on animal blood donations, call **520-795-9955**.