FOOD SAFETY	NO	SOMEWHAT	YES
Do you offer novel proteins for pets with allergies?			
Do you offer prescription food to pets with health requirements?			
Do you use a client choice model? (clients can choose what food items they take)			$\bigcirc$
Do you use a traditional Pantry model? (clients get what they get, no choices available).			$\bigcirc$
Do you offer soft or dehydrated food?			
Do you offer grain free foods?			

WRAPAROUND SERVICES	NO	SOMEWHAT	YES
Do you connect clients to vet services?	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$
Do you connect clients to or preform behavioural modification services?			
Do you connect clients to or preform grooming services?		$\circ$	$\bigcirc$
Do you connect clients to or provide nail-trimming services?			
Do you post information on wraparound services?		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Do you have written policies on wraparound services offered by your pet food bank?			

BRANDING	NO	SOMEWHAT	YES
Are practices standardized across all locations?			
Is the purpose of the program clear?			
Are your organization's values and mission supported by your food bank?			
Is the program inclusive?			
Do you collect data and stories from the food bank?			

## **AFTER THE SELF-ASSESSMENT**

Now that you have completed the Self-Assessment, you can see the areas in which your Pet Food Bank is strong as well as the areas that can be improved. The practices outlined in this assessment are further detailed throughout the Strengthening Animal Food Banks in British Columbia Manual. To get the most out of this document, we encourage you and your Pet Food Bank staff, volunteers, and or board to read the entire manual. If you are interested in learning what steps your Pet Food Bank can take to adopt a specific practice, or if you want to learn more about why a certain practice is recommended, you can skip to the section that includes your topic of interest.





## **SELF-ASSESSMENT**

Creating a plan to strengthen your Pet Food Bank

This checklist is intended to identify service areas within a food bank program. It can serve as a tool to determine current level of service as well as present ideas for strengthening pet food bank work in your community. The BC SPCA has additional resources so please contact SPCA Food Bank at foodbank@spca.bc.ca

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ACCESSIBILITY	NO	SOMEWHAT	YES
Do you know if your hours of operation overlap with other local food banks?	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$
Do you collaborate with other local food banks to ensure clients can access pet food all week?	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$
Do you survey clients about pantry hours?		$\bigcirc$	
Have you evaluated your pet food bank location to see if rural clients are able to access services?	$\bigcirc$		0
Do you post food bank information on your website or social media page?	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$
Do you post a physical sign with food bank location and times?			
Have you established clear policies on when the food bank will close for weather or emergencies?	$\circ$	0	0
Do you recruit volunteers to help distribute pet food?			
Do you translate pantry documents into commonly spoken languages?	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$
Do you serve out-of-area clients?			
Do you offer free parking and bike racks?	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$
Have you ensured that the pet food bank is accessible for people with mobility aids?			
Have you ensured that the food bank location is safe for animals to attend?	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$
REGISTRATION	NO	SOMEWHAT	YES
Do you ask registration questions?			
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CLOSURES	NO	SOMEWHAT	YES
Are clients informed of closures?	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$
Are closures posted in multiple areas (Social media, at the food bank location)?	$\bigcirc$	O O	$\bigcirc$
Are alternate resources provided to clients?	0		$\bigcirc$
Are clients told when re-opening is expected?		0	
CLIENT ENGAGEMENT	NO	SOMEWHAT	YES
Do you introduce yourself to new clients?		0	
Do you engage in active listening?			
Is this a welcoming environment?			
Do you have strategies to receive ongoing client feedback?			
Is the program explained to new clients?			
Are options available for people with communication barriers? (inability to read, hard-of-hearing, ESL, no way to be reached by phone/email)?			
FOOD SOUDCING	NO	COMEWNAT	VEC
FOOD SOURCING	NO	SOMEWHAT	YES
Do you source donations?			
Do you purchase food supplies?			
Do you ask for specific items in pet food drives?			
Do you have written policies for food sourcing?			
Do you use social media to source items?	$\bigcirc$		
Do you ask manufacturers for donations?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Do you receive donations in-kind (physical donations)?	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$
Do you receive corporate donations?	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$
Do you receive donations from manufacturers?	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$
Do you ask retailers for donations?	$\bigcirc$		
FOOD DISTRIBUTION	NO	SOMEWHAT	YES
Do you distribute open bags of food?			
Do you distribute food beyond its best before date?			
Do you supply larger amounts of food to clients with larger pets, or multiple pets?			
Do you have written policies for distribution?			
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Do you distribute food at in-person Food Bank Events?  Do you distribute food via Organizational Partnerships?			

Do you distribute food via in-person walk-ins?