

1,000 pounds of kibble for Kusel animal shelter

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More than 1,000 pounds of dog and cat food and treats was donated to the Tierheim (animal shelter) in Kusel by the U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder Provost Marshall’s Office March 29 in appreciation for taking in and caring for the numerous animals left behind in the Baumholder community.

The 1,000 pounds of food was how much community members donated during the recent dog and cat food drive held by the Provost Marshall’s Office. “They do us such a big favor by taking in our strays that we figured we should help them out in some way,” said Todd Guyette, chief, directorate of emergency services.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Collins, Baumholder’s DARE officer and one of the organizers of the dog and cat food drive explained that Baumholder is really fortunate that the Tierheim in Kusel is willing to accept animals left behind by Americans who depart Baumholder. “When the Tierheim in Vogelweh closed we were left without a place to take strays or abandoned pets until the Kusel Tierheim came forward and said they would take our animals.”

Peter Danner runs the Tierheim in Kusel and was grateful for the food that was donated by the American community. It took two fully loaded station wagons to deliver the more than 1,000 pounds of K-9 and feline goodies. Assisting with the loading and delivery were Sgt. Eduardo Cruz, Staff Sgt. Jerod Daley and Spc. George Bogner.

Kathy Miller, who works as a translator for the Provost Marshall’s Office was also on hand to assist in the communication process. “She is actually our liaison with the folks from the Tierheim,” said Collins.

“I also appreciate the time and work that Staff Sgt. Jon Wong dedicated to this effort,” said Collins. “Wong



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Sgt. Eduardo Cruz unloads bags of dog and cat food at the Tierheim (animal shelter) in Kusel. The recent dog and cat food drive brought in 1,000 pounds of food that was donated to the Tierheim.

and Daley, actually, went to the commissary on several occasions and asked for donations from persons as they went in to do their shopping,” said Collins.

“With the help of the community we were able to collect more than 2,000 pounds of food in the last six months. That includes our recent food drive and the

first one we had late last year,” said Collins.

Abandoned pets and strays is an ongoing concern so there is an ongoing need to assist the Tierheim so the Provost Marshall’s office is planning on holding these dog and cat food drives every other quarter to ensure the animals remain properly fed.