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Paws your Fines

Customers who bring in donations of pet food, toys or supplies can get as much as \$50 of fines forgiven, April 17 – April 29, through the Library's Paws Your Fines program.

Burleson Public Library is ready to waive your fines again. Customers who owe library fines can get as much as \$50 forgiven April 17 – April 29 through the Library's Paws Your Fines program. The catch is that instead of digging into their pockets, customers can bring in donations that the library will turn over to the Burleson Animal Shelter.

Customers can bring leashes, beds, unopened and unexpired pet food or treats, and other related items to receive a waiver of \$1-\$20 per item. The library has created a donation chart to guide library cardholders in clearing up their existing fines. For example, each can of pet food donated will result in a waiver of up to \$1 in fines, while large bags (30lbs+) of dry food are worth \$25 of fines. A maximum of \$50 can be waived.

Items needed by the animal shelter include:

- Bagged or canned dog or cat food (Please no Ol' Roy or Old Yeller brand)
- Dog treats (any brand)
- Peanut Butter (regular)
- Beds
- Old towels or blankets
- Collars and leashes
- Toys
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"This is an excellent way for library customers to reduce or eliminate fines while helping our four-legged community members," said Amanda Cadenhead, Community Engagement Librarian.

Donated items benefit participants of three programs run by the Burleson Animal Shelter: local animal rescues, unemployed residents in need, and Ani-Meals, a partnership with Meals-On-Wheels.

Fees for lost or damaged items, and fines for items belonging to other libraries will not be waived. Only existing overdue fines on Burleson items are eligible for the program; no credits will be placed on accounts for future fines. Paws Your Fines has the potential to reduce some of these charges and bring customers' accounts back into good standing.

Customers are welcome to bring in donations even if they do not have fines on their account. Donated items may be dropped off at the Burleson Public Library April 17 – April 29 during open hours, Monday-Wednesday 10am-8pm and Thursday-Friday 10am-6pm.

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