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Helping pets in need

Recently, Charlotte County Clerk of the Circuit Court Roger Eaton, who gives the "thumbs up" sign, launched a campaign, "Eaton's Eats," to raise food donations for the Animal Welfare League. Pictured, from left, are Nanette Leonard, PR director for the AWL board; Lori Maceikis, criminal court supervisor; Eaton; Stacey Mininsohn, criminal court director and AWL volunteer who coordinated Eaton's Eats; Joanna Badali, traffic court supervisor; Michelle DiBeradino, chief oeprations officer; and Cherie George, president of the AWL board of directors. Of the six departments, the criminal/traffic units raised the most and will be given a pizza party next Friday, Eaton said. The clerk's office donated 1,219 items weighing 1,539.3 pounds of dog food, cat food and kitty litter, and even a dog crate. Eaton said, "This is one of my favorite programs. It's exciting to know we're helping pets in need, but at the same time bringing real joy and happiness to pet owners who have probably had a difficult past year."

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