

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 30 Jan '17
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While we are a non-profit, running a modern animal shelter means incurring all the expenses of any private business and then some. Undoubtedly we have to pay for our staff (running a shelter is a 24/7 undertaking); insurances (vehicle, property, workman's comp, liability, etc); animal vaccines, microchips and medications; utilities (electricity, water, gas, phone, garbage); repairs/improvements; cleaning & general supplies; veterinary bills, and so much more. The difference in us and a for-profit business is that adoption fees of the animals we are working to find homes for (our product per se), do not even come close to covering the cost of running a shelter. So, as a non-profit, we are able to take tax-deductible donations from the public to help us in our mission to save as many lives as possible. But we don't just sit back and hope that our donors will cover all of our needs as our board, volunteers & supporters also work numerous fund-raising activities and events. Just a few of our annual events are our upcoming \$10,000 Drawdown, Cruisin 'fer Critters, Run for the Roses Derby Party, Silent Auction, Bark in the Park and more. We work hard to help not only ensure we can cover our present needs but also our financial stability for a long-term future.

Donations also help us rush the increasingly number of injured and sick animals that have been brought to us lately to local veterinarians. With the help of so many of our donors we are able to work with the Veterinarian on the best course of action to help these pets. In just the past few weeks we have taken in an injured bulldog found on the side of the road that ended up having to have one eye removed from his injuries; an injured and seemingly paralyzed Terrier that is amazingly recovering its ability to walk; a terribly burned cat that will take a long time to heal but will recover; a kitten with a broken leg that was pinned and healed and quite a few others. And these are on top of the steady flow of dogs in need of heartworm treatments as a result of not being kept on monthly prevention. So to all of our supporters and donors – it is YOUR help that enables us to go beyond just basic care and help these pets that truly need more. With your help, we will continue to be there for the pets that need us and will always do our very best to help as many as we possibly can.

To that end, don't forget to come by the shelter soon to purchase your, hopefully, winning ticket to our 'Getting Down with the Dawgs' DRAWDOWN and your chance to win \$10,000! A \$100 ticket gives you a 1 in 300 opportunity to win \$10,000 (do NOT have to be present to win the grand prize)! Each ticket holder and guest will also get a delicious buffet dinner, chance for door prizes, cash bar and much more. Our 2017 Drawdown will be at the Entertainment Center, Wind Creek Wetumpka, 100 River Oaks Dr, Wetumpka, AL, Saturday, 18 February 2017! Doors will open at 5:00 pm, cash bar opens around 5:30 pm, dinner catered by Wind Creek begins at 6 pm and the Drawdown starts at 7 pm. Tickets are on sale at the shelter at 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092 – get your ticket(s) now, buy one as a gift, or purchase one in the name of a special organization you support! For any questions contact us at 334-567-3377 or email hselco@bellsouth.net.