

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 5 Jan '15
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Did you make a New Year's Resolution to help others perhaps? How about becoming a volunteer for our shelter where you can help animals and people! To learn all about volunteering with us just go to <http://www.elmorehumane.org/volunteeropp.htm>. Volunteers help us out in so many ways – in the shelter exercising and bathing dogs, brushing and loving our kitties, in our Thrift Store, at off-site adoption events, supply drives, fundraising events, public education, parades and so much more.

One rather specialized area for volunteering is as one of our photographers taking photos of our pets for sharing on a multitude of on-line adoption websites and Facebook. Doing pet photography for us entails owning your own digital camera (ability to take higher speed photos helps immensely since dogs can be moving photo targets), being able to spend a few hours perhaps once/twice per month at our shelter taking pictures, taking three-four good pictures of each pet, and being able to edit and then email pictures and info to us for posting in a timely manner. As we look ahead to summer our intake will continue to rise which means more pets to take photos of. And in the Alabama heat this can be very taxing work, so having more photographers helps keep the workload down for everyone. If this sounds like something you would like to do to help our animals, contact us at hselco@bellsouth.net or give us a call at 567-3377.

Another very important Volunteer need we have is in our Tails End Thrift Store located adjacent to our shelter at 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka as it is a critical source of revenue for our shelter. We have clothing, linens, books, appliances, home decorations, furniture, toys and so much more! Our prices simply cannot be beat and every dollar earned in the Thrift Store comes into our shelter so that we can keep helping animals in need. The store is open for shopping Wed, Thu & Fri's from 9-3 and is 100% Volunteer run. We truly need more volunteers to help us sort and price and sell everything so if you would like to become one of our wonderful Thrift Store Volunteers please stop by the store and find out how you can help. And with spring cleaning not so far in the future please remember that all donations to our Thrift Store are tax deductible and your donations translate to sales and more funds for our pets.

We truly love our volunteers as every volunteer helps make our shelter a better place for people and pets alike. Volunteering can certainly be hard work, but we think you will find many rewards - at a minimum you are guaranteed a lot of tail wags and purrs in return!

And your chance to win \$10,000 is coming up soon at our 5th Annual "Getting Down with the Dawgs" Draw Down on Saturday, 21 February 2015! With the purchase of a \$100 ticket you will have a 1 in 300 opportunity to win \$10,000! There will also be door prizes and other special evening fun! Besides a chance to win big, each ticket holder and guest will also get a delicious buffet dinner and beverages. This year's event will be at the 'Original Casino Facility' at Wind Creek Wetumpka, 100 River Oaks Dr, Wetumpka, AL! Doors will open at 5:30 pm, dinner begins at 6 pm and the Drawdown starts at 7 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the shelter next week so don't delay – get your ticket(s) now or buy one as a gift! Another thought is to purchase a ticket for a business or other organization as they could surely put \$10,000 to good use if they were the big winner! For any questions contact us at 334-567-3377 or email hselco@bellsouth.net.