

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 2 Oct '17
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Mark your calendar to join us on Tuesday, 17 October, at our Humane Society's Annual Meeting. We begin at 6 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, 5375 Hwy 231, Wetumpka, AL 36092 and we will be reviewing our accomplishments in the past year and looking ahead to 2018. This meeting is for our members and those interested in becoming members of our Humane Society so hope to see you there!

As summer winds down we usually look forward to a bit of a decline in our intake numbers and especially in kittens. But it appears we spoke too soon as we have taken in 42 kittens (under six months old) in just the past 5 days and most of those are in the 3-5 week old range with mothers that are in the 6-8 month old range. Many of these new mothers were just kittens themselves earlier this year (who were not spayed) so the cycle just keeps on. So while some may get sick of how much we preach about spaying and neutering pets, we deal with the reality of all these kittens (and puppies) that are not wanted and could have been prevented.

Now some of these kittens are coming to us from feral (unsocialized/wild) cats that live on the periphery of our communities. There is no doubt that many of the feral cats in our communities help with vermin control so the best thing is to trap it (or them), take it to your veterinarian or the spay-neuter clinic in Montgomery to be 'fixed,' bring it home and let it live there as one cat - not one, then six, then 15, then 25. If the cat is already there and attuned to living off the land, then this is a very humane solution where the feral cat(s) is concerned.

Stopping the continuous reproduction of cats for which there are no homes is the single most important thing anyone can do to help cats and save lives. If you are dealing with a large number of feral cats and need advice on how to work a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program, we are happy to give you advice and pointers on how be successful at TNR and the issues you also have to consider. The Alabama Animal Alliance in Montgomery also has tremendous expertise in TNR and you can call them at 334-239-7387. Spaying and neutering not only saves lives now but also into the future so please help reduce shelter cat intake and euthanasia by being reducing the number of unwanted cats in the first place.

Many thanks to the great folks at Alabama News Network for inviting us to the Tickled Pink & Women's Expo at the Crampton Bowl Multiplex last Friday. We not only had a great time talking to tons of people but one of our beautiful kitties, Snow White, found her forever home there as well. And thank you Kim, Lisa, Cecelia and Courtney for representing our shelter so well!