

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 28 Oct '13

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Director

Ready to start clicking for us again? TODAY is the day! We are eligible to win another \$1000 in The Animal Rescue Site Shelter Challenge and need our supporters to vote every day. Just go to www.shelterchallenge.com and easiest way to find us is to type in either Wetumpka, AL or 36092. Once you have voted for us it is even easier as our shelter will automatically pop up on the screen for you to vote for. You can vote once each day on any computer or smart phone you have access to – work, home, school, etc. Jumping out fast on Day 1 is critical to getting & staying in the lead so please ask your friends, classmates, family and coworkers to vote for us – costs nothing, no registration required and just a couple of clicks every day will get us to another \$1000 for our deserving critters!

Halloween brings lots of fun for us humans, but trick or treaters, candy & people in costumes have special risks we need to think about to keep our pets safe. Candy may be tough on our waist lines but can sadly be deadly for our pets! Chocolate and the artificial sweetener Xylitol found in many candies can be toxic to pets not to mention the danger from swallowed candy wrappers & lollipop sticks! Please keep all candies safely out of reach of your pets and don't leave 'Spot' unattended with a big bowl of candy at the front door. Also please make sure your children are aware that their Halloween Candy should NOT be shared with their special furry friend. Perhaps make a special 'pet candy bowl' with small doggy or kitty treats that your children can safely share with them they have their own 'treats.'

What about costumes? What you may think is cute might be quite stressful to your pet. If you do dress up your pet, make sure the costume doesn't constrict its movement, hearing or breathing. Also check to make sure there are no dangling pieces that your pet could get caught in or chew on. And if your pet seems distressed then best to just nix the costume all together.

If you are having a party, probably best to keep your pets in a separate room so they won't become scared or even protective when they see humans in odd and scary costumes. This will also help protect them from being fed inappropriate food, treats and candy by kind, but uninformed party guests.

Please also keep your pets in another room or part of the house if you are opening your door for trick-or-treaters! It would be easy for a pet to escape and we certainly don't want a pet to be freaked out by scores of children in all manner of costumes resulting in either a lost pet or, worse, a bite. And make sure pets and 'candle lit' Halloween decorations are not left alone to help prevent an accidental fire! We hope everyone has a Spooktacular Halloween week this week!

Are you busy on Saturdays and say you cannot get to us before we close? Well, no excuses this Sat, 2 Nov, as there will be plenty of time to join us for our first ever BARK IN THE DARK as we will be staying open until 10 pm! While we hope for lots of adoptions, we are also going to have lots of fun starting with a pet costume contest at 4 pm followed by games such as Pet Bobbing for Weenies, Human Bobbing for Apples, Guess the number of Doggy Biscuits, Children's Games, a Cake Walk and more. Thanks to some wonderfully generous local businesses like Dairy Queen, McDonalds and more we will have gift certificates for participants in the evening fun. Since we will be blocking off a portion of our parking lot please be careful as you come & go as you won't be able to drive all the way through the parking lot and we want to keep everyone safe. Check out our Facebook updates this week for more updates on all the upcoming fun at Bark in the Dark!!

To keep up with our activities, just check out www.elmorehumane.org for our Calendar of Events or call us at 334-567-3377.

