

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 5 Oct '15  
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HAVE A LITTLE TIME? LOVE DOGS & CATS??

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF ELMORE COUNTY NEEDS A FEW VOLUNTEERS...

One thing is for sure. Our local animal shelter is never lacking for occupants of its temporary housing for dogs and cats. These animals are coming and going all the time, though it sometimes seems that more are coming than going. The full-time staff have their hands full dealing with matters of daily needs, cleaning, medicating, handling inquiries and visitors looking for pets (or to find their lost pet), and assuring that the animals basic needs are met.

Another great need at the Shelter is for adoptable dogs to be let out of their runs, daily, for exercise, socialization, and love. That is not always possible daily unless there are more volunteers coming regularly, to share in this fun, playtime activity. After all, doesn't meeting this need just help put the 'humane' in the Humane Shelter?

It does take some small amount of strength to handle the joyful dogs when they anticipate a chance to get out and play for a few minutes a day. And of course you might get dirty at times as they show their affection for just spending a little time with them, but dirt comes out.

It takes a mindset to make this work. You know that you cannot possibly take them all home to love them (unless you are Betty White, celeb dog lover), but you can meet their needs in their temporary home at the shelter, however long that is. It can be a very rewarding experience, for the volunteer AND for the dogs.

There is a one-time orientation given at the Shelter on Fridays from about 2-4pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 10-12 am for interested persons. You can come to help out as often as you desire, whatever time works for you during normal operating hours. The dogs will love you for it!

And the felines enjoy some attention too...inside.

Interested Volunteers please contact us at the shelter at 334-567-3377 or via email at [hselco@bellsouth.net](mailto:hselco@bellsouth.net) or via Facebook Message on our [Shelter Facebook](#) page!