

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 16 Nov '15
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What a fun birthday party we had on Saturday for Louis Vuitton's 13th birthday! Many thanks to William & Dee Hartley for wanting to celebrate Louis' love for life at our shelter and to all who helped Louis do what he loves best – getting hugs and pets from scores of people! We also want to thank Linda Nobles for supplying all the hot dogs and fixings for everyone to enjoy, all of the 'grillmasters' who ensured plenty of hotdogs for the crowd and Frankie's Sweet Shoppe for supplying such a fantastic and yummy cake! Tremendous thanks as well for all of the donations of pet food and supplies and a total of \$140 to boot! We wish Louis many, many more happy & healthy birthdays!

The Shelter Challenge (www.shelterchallenge.com) starts again tomorrow, 16 Nov. Since we won the last Challenge our shelter is NOT eligible in this round of voting so please cast your vote for another local area shelter and let's keep the winnings helping pets in our area. We so appreciate our wonderful supporters and will look for our renewed eligibility and our chance to win again after the New Year!

People who adopt pets also likely love dog shows and there will be a three-day dog show this Fri, Sat & Sun (20-22 Nov) at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery hosted by the Montgomery Kennel Club. Parking is \$5, but admission is free to the show. This is a great way to learn about different breeds and even buy those Christmas presents for dogs and dog lovers alike from a number of vendors.

If you are going to be away for the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend, hopefully you have already made arrangements for your pet's care. If you want to board your pet and haven't made your reservation, best get on the phone immediately as most kennels and veterinarians are likely booking up for the holiday. We bring this up as we take far too many reports after holidays of missing pets because the pet "got out" while someone else was supposed to be caring for it. In many instances the owner was never even told and only found out upon their return. So when you are entrusting your pet's care to someone else, please make sure they not only care about your pet, but that they are reliable and can reach you in the event of an emergency.

If you do need to report a missing pet please call us at 334-567-3377, email us at hselco@bellsouth.net or post pics of your lost pet on our Shelter Facebook site and on any number of Lost & Found Pet Facebook pages for our area. Facebook is an amazing tool to get the word out about a missing pet and we can attest to many a reunited pet because of the power of a Facebook post.

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation event is coming up on Friday, 4 December at 6 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church (across from McDonalds on Hwy 231) in Wetumpka. This is our chance to recognize our Active Volunteers and their hard work on behalf of our shelter and the animals we all want to help. For our planning we do need an RSVP, so if you are an Active Volunteer with our shelter and can attend, please RSVP to our Volunteer Coordinator, Charline Pope at 334-202-1381 or email her at popecharlie58@yahoo.com.