

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 25 Nov '13
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This week is a time for all of us to give thanks and we want to take this opportunity to share our gratitude with so many who are so important to our shelter family. Many, many thanks to our board and staff who are all about animals 24/7 and strive to make our shelter the best possible environment for the almost 5000 animals every year that come through our doors

As a non-profit organization we can never thank our volunteers enough as they truly make the difference so that we can be a shelter that makes a difference. A core group of extremely dedicated volunteers make our Thrift Store our single most successful fund raising activity and the volunteers who help at our Saturday PETSMART adoption events are critical in helping even more of our pets find their new homes. All the volunteers who help us in the shelter, take puppies to nursing homes, man our booth at area events, vote for us on on-line contests, tell others about us and simply provide moral support are our life blood and we are a better shelter for your support.

We are grateful for the work of all the Animal Control Officers who are out there helping animals in need and protecting the public. Veterinarians and their support are absolutely critical to our adoption program, and to animal welfare throughout the area, and we greatly appreciate the work they do to educate pet owners and help pets live better and longer lives.

While we have contracts with area governments to be their homeless animal housing facility, and we do a lot of fund raising ourselves, the reality is we could not keep our doors open if not for the generosity of so many individuals and businesses who donate money, supplies, pet food, services and Thrift Store items. Thank you in a huge, huge way!

We appreciate the excellent working relationships we have with county & city leaders and are grateful to the civic, business and private groups who invite us to participate in their events and who have allowed us to have our own events at their locations. We want to publicly thank the Montgomery & Prattville PETSMARTs for their support to our adoption program resulting in hundreds more pets finding homes each year. And we are grateful to the media for publishing our shelter news and pet of the week and getting the word out about our shelter happenings!

We have special fondness for those who give such wonderful homes to our adopted pets and those who rescue pets in need. We are indebted to the public who supports our mission directly and indirectly – your moral support for the welfare of animals is important to all of us in the sheltering community and helps keep us going on the down days. A group that we also want to thank is those we may never meet. Thank you to those who love and care for their pets, keep them safe at home, make sure they have identification at all times and cherish them always.

Our final and most heartfelt thanks go to all the wonderful animals that willingly share their lives with ours and bring such love, joy and companionship to our families. We love them all!

We hope everyone has a family filled Thanksgiving and so that our staff can also enjoy some time with family, the shelter & Tails End Thrift Store will be closed 28 & 29 Nov, but will be back open on Sat, 30 Nov.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all & please watch what you feed your pets as many things us humans love can be quite dangerous for our pets! Sadly one of the busiest days for veterinarians is the day after Thanksgiving as they see pets that ate far too many leftovers or foods that are actually toxic to them. A disappointed pet is far better than a terribly sick pet!