

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 15 Dec ‘14

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This Sat (20 Dec) we hope you can stop by for a visit and bit of Christmas cheer as we will have our Shelter Christmas Open House from 10 am – 1 pm. Santa will be with us as well for photos with pets! You can take your own photo of your pet with Santa or we can help take a photo using your camera or smart phone. Any donated pet supply item would be greatly appreciated! For those who may not have visited us before, our address is 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092 and if you need directions just give us a call at 334-567-3377.

We also invite you to check out our Tails End Thrift Store (co-located at the shelter) this week as all Christmas items will be marked waaaay down! We have a huge selection of cute Christmas decorations for your home or office so stop by Thu, Fri & Sat from 9-3 to find great treasures or perhaps find a gift for a friend!

Christmas can be a great time to bring home a new pet since you may have time off for the holidays and everyone will be home to welcome the new pet to the family. So if you are thinking of adding a pet, we do hope you come to our shelter (or any shelter for that matter) to find your new best friend. We are open all this week for adoptions (Mon-Fri 10-5; Sat 9-3) and next Mon & Tue from 10-5. We will only be doing pick-ups of pre-approved adoptions on Wed, 24 Dec until noon.

For your planning, our adoption fees are \$100 for dogs & \$50 for cats under 1 year old; cats over one year old can be adopted by approved adopters for an adoption fee of their choosing. This adoption fee completely covers the mandatory spay or neuter, basic immunizations, deworming, microchip, heartworm check for dogs, rabies vaccination if old enough, 45 days of pet health insurance and a free health exam with your participating veterinarian.

Surprising your children, parents, or spouse with a pet as a gift may work out wonderfully since the ‘giver’ is also a recipient but we do caution against getting a pet as a gift for a non-family person. A pet is a very personal thing and one reason we are happy to offer Adoption Gift Certificates. This way the adoption is paid for and you can perhaps make a cute gift package with food, dishes, leash, toys, bed, litter box and more so the recipient can have everything they need to bring their new puppy or kitten home. Then, when they are ready, they can come to our shelter to find their new best friend. The certificates are good for one year, so an adopter doesn’t have to feel rushed if they don’t find ‘the’ one that first visit and this can also give them time to get through the hectic holidays and then look for their new best friend when things calm down at home.

Christmas parties, visiting relatives, tempting presents under the tree and people food everywhere can also make Christmas a hectic time of year to bring home a new pet. So while we would love it if all of our pets found home for the holidays, we also want potential adopters to make sure they are ready. A new puppy can mean a lot of ‘accident’ clean-up and a new kitten will just love climbing the Christmas tree to play with all those decoration and could be a lot to handle with all of the other ongoing activities. We tell adopters that bringing home a new pet is a bit like adding a four-footed child, so we just want to help potential adopters make sure they are ready for the commitment a new pet brings since we want it to be a lifetime of love for people and pet alike.

If you need to contact to ask a question just email us at hselco@bellsouth.net, call us at 334-567-3377, check out our website for lots of information at www.elmorehumane.org or join our [Humane Society of Elmore County Facebook Family](#) to see our adoptable pets and follow our busy schedule.