

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 16 Dec '13

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Director

The lucky winners of our Nagshead Beach House Week Vacation are Larry & Loraine Weaver, Camp Hill, Alabama! Congratulations and we hope they have a wonderful time at the beach!!! Many thanks to everyone who purchased tickets as all the proceeds from this help our animals! We are especially grateful to the family of COL (USAF Ret) Gerald Mittelman for allowing us to have this incredible opportunity in honor of their father. He was a simply wonderful volunteer for our shelter and loved animals dearly.

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 (255 Central Plank Rd, Wetumpka, AL 36092) or to any shelter to find that pet that is a good fit for your family and home. We are open all this week for adoptions (Mon-Thu 10-4; Fri 10-5; Sat 9-3) and next Monday from 10-4. We will only be doing pick-ups of pre-approved adoptions on Tue, 24 Dec until noon.

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 we think a better idea is to pay for an adoption ahead of time and we will provide you with an Adoption Gift Certificate that you can package with things like food dishes and toys 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.

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.

We have now seen our first blasts of cold weather and certainly hope that owners have brought your pets indoors or ensured they have a dry and warm shelter to get out of any bad weather. And with more cold nights and the upcoming New Year's fireworks we encourage owners to bring your pets inside as we always get an increase in lost pet reports after storms/fireworks from pets left outside.

For everyone who supports our shelter and helps with so many of our activities we are updating our 2014 calendar on our website and Facebook. Just go to www.elmorehumane.org or check us out on Facebook (Humane Society of Elmore County) to stay current with all of our happenings and to see all of our wonderful pets for adoption.