

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 18 Dec '17
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As we all prepare for Christmas, our shelter will be open for adoptions our normal hours this week, Mon-Fri, 10-5 and Sat, 9-3. The Tails End Thrift Store will also be open Thu, Fri & Sat from 9-3. The Shelter will be closed Sun-Tue (25-26 Dec) and reopen on Wed, 27 Dec at 10 am for adoptions. And while we do hope for many great adoptions this week, a pet is a serious commitment in money, time, training, patience and love. That new puppy or kitten will be small and adorable for only a few very short months. Then you will have the fun of a gawky, unruly, wild teenager for another few months before they begin to settle down into adulthood. Some breeds will challenge you with two-three years of boisterous, sometimes maddening behavior and you simply need to be up to that challenge. But the rewards of learning your new pet's personality, integrating them into your family routine, and being given complete and unconditional love are all worth it to those of us who think of our pets as family.

For those who bring a young adult, adult or senior pet home from a shelter or perhaps another family, please give those pets time to adjust. Yes, there are dogs and cats that just love everyone, are happy-go-lucky and will integrate into your routine almost seamlessly. But there are others whose psyches are perhaps bruised and that will need time to develop trust in their new home and situation, and that means patience in allowing them the time to learn about life with their new family. For these pets it can be a matter of a week or a month but most will end up being wonderful pets if they are simply given the time to adjust and learn to trust that they have a new and permanent home. You cannot force these pets to adapt so be honest with yourself if you are able and willing to give a new pet like this the time they might need to show you their true nature. We think the rewards for pet and people alike are worth it!

For those who have already asked, our 2018 'Getting Down with the Dawgs' Drawdown will be on Sat, 17 February 2018 at the Entertainment Center, Wind Creek Wetumpka, 100 River Oaks Dr, Wetumpka, AL! We will have tickets for sale at the shelter by the end of this week for your chance to win \$10,000! With the purchase of a \$100 ticket you will have a 1 in 300 opportunity to win \$10,000 (do NOT have to be present to win the grand prize)! Besides a chance to win big each ticket holder and guest will also get a delicious buffet dinner, a chance for door prizes, cash bar and so much more.

Our Board and Staff hope that everyone enjoys a bit of downtime and has a peaceful Christmas with family (pets included) and friends. We want to thank so many incredibly generous supporters who have stopped by this month to donate food, supplies, money and more, and are grateful to all who share our love for animals and their welfare. Thank you for your support and we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!