

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 2 Dec '13
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Less than two weeks left for you to stop by the shelter and get your ticket(s) for your chance to win a week's lodging at a five-bedroom, ocean-front house in NagsHead, N.C. from 25 May – 1 Jun '14. This wonderful opportunity is in loving memory of COL (USAF Ret) Gerald Mittelman and we are honored that his family is helping us like this in their father's memory. For only \$5 ticket, or five tickets for \$20, you could take all of your friends or family for a fun week getaway on the beach! For the details go to www.elmorehumane.org/fundraiserevent.htm. Tickets are on sale at the shelter at 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092 and can be paid for over the phone (334-567-3377) using Credit Card, or via PayPal on our website or Facebook, but cannot be mailed per U.S. Postal Service rules. The winning ticket will be drawn on Sat, 14 Dec, 1 pm at the shelter and the winner just has to answer one easy trivia question. This awesome prize is good for lodging only and does not cover travel, food or any other expenses.

Thanks to wonderful people who work with dogs in so many ways, we have partnered with two great groups, Easter Seals Dogs on Call & Helping Shepherds of Every Color, to walk with dogs in the Christmas on the Coosa Parade in Wetumpka on Saturday afternoon, 14 December. If you are interested in walking one of our shelter dogs (to walk a shelter dog must be 18 or older) or one of your own adopted/beloved dogs please contact us at the shelter at hselco@bellsouth.net. Dogs must be excellent in public as it is highly likely for children (and adults) to run right up to them, good around other dogs, able to handle all the noise and crowd of the parade, walk well on a leash, and be current on its rabies vaccination. Look to next week's newsletter and our Facebook updates for link up location and time as we get that info.

Perhaps you are thinking of adding a new pet to your own family this Christmas? We love that idea, but also want you to start planning for it right now as a new pet is a big undertaking that should be well planned out. Getting a pet should not be a spur of the moment or last minute decision (we will only do 'pick-ups' on 24 Dec until noon; no walk-in adoptions) since it will be a 10-15 or even 20 year commitment. And while we hope we have that perfect pet for you, we might not on the one day you stop by to look. Since individual dogs and cats have their own unique characteristics and personalities it is important to meet and spend a bit of time together to see if there is a connection and that can sometimes take a few visits before you find 'the' one.

Perhaps you are thinking of getting a pet for a friend or relative. A pet is a very personal choice and the pet you may gravitate towards may not be the one your friend or relative would like if they were picking for themselves. What we suggest is for the gift giver to pay for an adoption and get a gift certificate for the recipient. Then package the gift certificate with basic pet supplies like a bed, bowls, food or toys to complete the surprise. This way they can enjoy the busy holidays while also starting the search for their new best friend. You can put our business card in the present as well so they will have our website (www.elmorehumane.org) or they can even check out our Facebook page to see all our great pets looking for homes. For any questions contact the shelter at 334-567-3377 or email us at hselco@bellsouth.net.