

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 23 Dec '13
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Tomorrow is Christmas Eve and like many businesses, our shelter will close at noon so that our staff can do their own last minute preps for Christmas. The shelter will remain closed Wednesday and Thursday and be back open on Friday. Our Tails End Thrift Store will also be back open on Fri & Sat.

Many reading this recently did some on-line voting for us in the Bright House Networks 12 Days of Giving! Turns out we ended up in FIRST place for our area and as a result we will be receiving a special holiday gift from Bright House Networks for \$3685 (\$3,000 1st place prize & a special \$685 bonus gift)! This is absolutely awesome and to say our jaws dropped reading the notification is an understatement! So thank you so very much to our supporters who voted and to Bright House Networks for including us in this wonderful Christmas opportunity!!!

Were you wondering where that large group of motorcycles, cars and trucks were going as they headed up Hwy 231 in Wetumpka Saturday? In spite of the looming bad weather a huge crowd of simply awesome supporters drove out to bring us a mountain of donations led by the most wonderful Pit Bull named Louis Vuitton, aka, the Monster Elf! Louis and his owners, William & Dee Hartley; Jeanne Uuro; local businesses and individuals; and members of River Region motorcycle groups Predators, Banditos, Pistoleros and independent riders represented the national "I'm Not a Monster" initiative as they all came to bring our pets a huge donation of food, supplies, blankets, toys and more! The "I'm Not a Monster" organization began about two years ago (with Louis being our local ambassador) to dispel myths about perceived 'dangerous' dog breeds, particularly pit bulls. Louis was one of more than 30 dogs across the country to take part in shelter drives on behalf of the "I'm Not a Monster" initiative and we always love seeing how happy and loved he is. Whenever talking about Louis we must ask everyone to thank the Montgomery Humane Society for all they did to save Louis and see that his abuser spent 9 ½ years in prison for his heinous actions. There were lots of hugs and thanks and we hope everyone who participated knows how deeply moved and grateful we are for your heartfelt support! Thank you ever so much!

Shortly after the wonderful group above departed, we were again humbled when five year old Della Strange (and her friend Natalie) of Millbrook brought us a truckload of food and supplies that she had asked for in lieu of presents for her birthday. Throughout the year we are visited by younger supporters like Della who have gone far and above by wanting to help our animals like this and it just makes our day to be visited by these young donors. Their parents certainly deserve a lot of credit for teaching their children to think of others and we are grateful for their selfless values.

Of course we are so grateful to EVERYONE who so generously supports our work to help as many pets as we can. People help us in so many ways - by donating money, pet food & supplies; making donations to & shopping at our Thrift Store; supporting our fund-raising events; sharing our pets and information or voting for us in contests on Facebook; telling your family, friends and co-workers about us; standing up for neglected pets in need; adopting a pet(s) from us and loving the pets that you have at home. Thank you all so very much and we hope everyone has a most peaceful and very Merry Christmas!