

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 4 Dec '17

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We hope for a large showing for our first annual Holiday Open House this Thursday, 7 Dec, as both the Tail's End Thrift Store and Shelter will remain open until 8 pm. We will have refreshments (after 5 pm), Christmas decorating blow-out sale and lots of Christmas Cheer so please make sure to stop by for some shopping and/or to visit our pets.

Wow! Christmas is only 21 days away! We do tend to get an uptick in pet adoptions for Christmas and want to give some pointers to help in what we think is a BIG decision

While surprising your children, parents, or spouse with a pet may work out wonderfully since the giver is also a recipient, we do caution against getting a pet as a gift for a non-family friend. A pet is a very personal bond and why we offer Adoption Gift Certificate/Gift Kits for you to purchase so that the recipient can come at a later time to find their new best friend. Our Adoption Gift Certificates are good for a year, so the recipient has plenty of time to visit and find that perfect match. This also allows them to wait until after the hectic holidays if it turns out that Christmas just isn't the best timing for a new pet.

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 and a free health exam with your participating veterinarian.

And 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 for the following 10-15 year commitment. Far too many Christmas pets are re-homed or turned into shelters a few months later when the newness has worn off, and the responsibilities of training and teenage shenanigans are in full force. Bringing a new pet home 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.

Don't forget to check out our Tails End Thrift Store (co-located at the shelter) for gifts for yourself and your friends! Our Thrift Store has clothes, linens, Christmas decorations, books, collectibles, small appliances, toys and so much more! The store is open Thu, Fri & Sat's from 9-3 and can also receive donations during those hours. While at our Thrift Store please thank our Volunteers who work so hard receiving, sorting and selling all of the donated items on behalf of all the animals we all work so hard to help.