

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 5 Dec '16

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There is no doubt that once we get through Thanksgiving the days just fly by and Christmas is upon us – only 20 days away! Both Thanksgiving and Christmas are focused on the family, so if you have been thinking of adding a pet to your family, then now might be the time to come visit our pets to find your new best friend.

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.

To prep for the upcoming holiday schedule, we are open for adoptions Mon-Fri 10-5 & Sat 9-3. But on Saturday, 24 December we will only be doing pick-ups of pre-approved adoptions until noon and then will be closed 25 & 26 Dec.

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.

On Sat, 10 Dec, we will take a few of our puppies/dogs to the Montgomery PetSmart from noon – 4 pm to help even more of our pets find loving homes. Volunteers always needed so please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Charline Pope at 334-202-1381 or email her at popecharlie58@yahoo.com if you can help.

On Sat, 17 Dec from 10-12, SANTA will be joining us for photos/visit with pets and/or children! You can take your own photo of your pet with Santa or we can help take a photo using your camera or smart phone. Any donated pet supply items will be greatly appreciated! For those who may not have visited us before, our address is 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092 and if you need directions just give us a call at 334-567-3377.

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.