

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 7 Dec '15

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Christmas is coming up fast and it can be a great time to bring home a new pet since you may have time off for the holidays and everyone will be home to welcome the new pet to the family. If you are thinking of adding a pet we do hope you come to our shelter (or any shelter for that matter) to find your new best friend.

Surprising your children, parents, or spouse with a pet may work out wonderfully since the giver is also a recipient but we do caution against getting a pet as a gift for a non-family friend. A pet is a very personal bond and one reason we are happy to offer Adoption Gift Certificate/Gift Baskets for you to purchase so that the recipient can come at a later time to find their new best friend. This way the adoption is paid for and you can even add items like food, dishes, toys, etc so the recipient will have everything they need to bring their new puppy or kitten home. These certificates are good for one year so an adopter doesn't have to feel rushed if they don't find 'the' one that first visit. This can also give them time to get through the hectic holidays and then look for their new best friend when things calm down at home. We are open for adoptions Mon-Fri 10-5 & Sat 9-3. We will, however, only be doing pick-ups of pre-approved adoptions on Wed, 24 Dec 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, 45 days of pet health insurance 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. Christmas parties, visiting relatives, tempting presents under the tree and people food everywhere can also make Christmas a hectic time of year to bring home a new pet. A new puppy can mean a lot of 'accident' clean-up and a new kitten will just love climbing the Christmas tree to play with all those decorations and could be a lot to handle with all of the other ongoing activities. We tell adopters that bringing home a new pet 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, 19 Dec we hope you can stop by for our Shelter Christmas Open House from 10 am – 1 pm AND visit with Santa who will also be with us for photos with pets and 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 item would 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 will be open 10, 11, 12 Dec & 17, 18, 19 Dec (Thu, Fri & Sat) 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.