

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 17 Feb ‘14

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Director

We want to thank all the great volunteers who came out to help us during the three day adoption events at the area PetsMarts during the National Adoption Weekend sponsored by PetSmart®, Purina® Pro Plan® & Tidy Cats®. We also want to thank PetsMart Charities, both area PetsMart staffs, and especially the adopters who gave almost twenty of our loving pets loving & lifetime homes!

We hope to see lots of folks stop by our booth at the Millbrook Reveler’s Mardi Gras Festival this coming Saturday, 22 February, at the Village Green in Millbrook starting at 9 am! We won’t have pets there for adoption but if you have questions about the shelter or want to purchase some really cool magnets we will have quite a few to choose from.

Our shelter is an Open-Admission Shelter meaning we take in animals brought to us by their owners; animals found as strays by Elmore County citizens; and animals picked up as strays or abandoned or as part of neglect or cruelty cases by County & City Animal Control Officers. Our shelter does not go out to pick up animals though we do occasionally assist area animal control officers in situations involving large numbers of animals, or livestock or in cruelty/neglect situations.

If you are in need of animal control assistance for a stray or problem animal, or to report instances of animal neglect or cruelty, you will need to contact the appropriate agency noted below. As you can see each town does have an animal control function and for those areas outside of city limits please contact the Elmore County Sheriff’s Dispatch:

Wetumpka	567-1327/5321	Millbrook	285-6832
Tallassee	283-6586	Eclectic	541-2149
Elmore Township	514-5988	Coosada	285-3700
Elmore County Sheriff Dispatch		567-1426	

Once a stray is brought to us we will hold them for seven days in accordance with Section 3-7A-7 of the Alabama Code in hope the pet’s owner will come to reclaim it. Animals will only be released to the owner unless the owner has given authorization for another person to pick that pet up. Identification such as a driver’s license and proof of the pet’s ownership is required to reclaim any pet.

There are fees associated with reclaiming a pet. There are Animal Control pick-up fees (specific to each municipality), shelter boarding fees (\$15/day) and a rabies vaccination fee (\$10) if the dog/cat/ferret’s rabies immunization is not current. The Animal Control fee increases with subsequent intakes of the same pet and can eventually lead to a summons to court. In the case of livestock there may be additional hauling & boarding fees which can range up to \$25/day depending on the particular animal & situation.

Easily 90%+ of the pets that come to our shelter have no identification of any kind even though Alabama Law (Section 3-7A-4) requires that dogs & cats have a current rabies tag attached to their collar or harness at all times. Tags do work as we can generally reunite those pets with their owners the same day & we can make personalized ID tags in our shelter office at a cost of \$7-\$12 in just a few minutes. We also encourage you to also talk to your veterinarian about microchipping your pet to help us get it home to you in the event it loses its tag or collar. There is nothing we like better than reuniting a lost pet with its owner. If you have lost your pet please call us to report it at 334-567-3377 or you can send us an electronic lost report by going to our website at www.elmorehumane.org or email us at hseico@bellsouth.net. Sending us a photo of your pet also greatly helps us in quickly identifying your pet and getting it safely back home.