

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 20 Mar '17  
Rea Cord  
Executive Director

Thank you Capitol Chevrolet, Classic Buick, GMC, Cadillac, BMW of Montgomery, and Capitol Hyundai for inviting us to join in the fun on Saturday at the Capitol Chevrolet location and also for hosting a Supply Drive to help our pets directly. We greatly appreciate the community support and thrilled that one of our pups found a new and loving home as well!

Reminder that we hope for a packed house on Friday, 31 March, at [My Place Uptown at Atlanta Crossing](#), 149 Eastern Blvd, Montgomery, Alabama from 7 - 10:30 pm. [Bama Jammers Band](#), [Outside the Inside](#) & Britt Johnson are teaming up for an [all original song concert experience benefitting the Humane Society of Elmore County](#). A limited number of advance premium reserve seating tickets including a delicious home cooked southern style meal by My Place are available for \$25 each. Text Rick Hansen at 334 782-6057. Advance regular admission tickets are \$12 & \$15 at the door day of show. Non-Smoking inside. Cash bars.

This week is **National Poison Prevention Week** and our pets also need protection from accidental poisoning. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Animal Poison Control Center lists these more common dangers to our pets:

- Prescription human medications such as heart medications, antidepressants and pain medications. Poisoning happens most often when people drop their medication while taking it and their pet gets it.
- Insecticides either used on the yard or on the pets themselves.
- Over-the-counter human medications such as acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or ibuprofen (Advil® or Motrin®) may help humans but can be deadly to our pets.
- Veterinary products and medications can be a problem because they often are made to taste good so a pet might overdose if they can gain access to their medicine.
- Household products such as bleaches and detergents.
- People food also can be a problem for pets. Sugar substitute Xylitol can cause seizures and liver failure in pets. Chocolate is the number one people food ingested by animals and can cause vomiting, diarrhea, high heart rate and seizures. Garlic, onions, caffeine, grapes and raisins are other foodstuffs that cause far too many pets to end up in emergency pet clinics.
- Many plants can be toxic to pets with cats leading dogs in this category of toxin exposure. Lilies, so common at Easter, can cause kidney failure in cats.
- Rodenticides can be lethal and care needs to be taken when putting out baits to kill mice and rats.
- Lawn and garden products like fertilizers made from dried blood & manure, and cocoa bean mulch can be very dangerous for pets.

To learn more about items that can be harmful to our pets, visit [www.petpoisonhelpline.com](http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com).