

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 27 Mar '17

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Huge thanks to everyone who voted in the Wind Creek Facebook Winner's Express \$125K Giveaway Contest to help us win \$5000 for our shelter! We were given the official notification last week and will be at the Wind Creek Montgomery on 7 April to receive our money. We are going to use this money to help us build a new, larger and much needed food storage building at our shelter this year! Thank you Wind Creek and all of our supporters!

Our Tails End Thrift Store crew is pulling out all the stops again this Saturday, 1 April with massive sales of clothing to help get ready for the big swapout of winter to summer clothing. Make sure to stop by between 9 am – 3 pm for some super deals! Please thank our Volunteers for their endless hard work operating our Thrift Store as all proceeds go to our shelter to ensure we can be there for all the pets that come to us needing our help.

We hope you have your calendar marked for our 12th annual Wags & Whiskers Auction on Friday, July 28th, 2017. BIG change this year is the location which will be at the Entertainment Center, Wind Creek Wetumpka, 100 River Oaks Dr, Wetumpka, AL. This new location will give us even more room for the huge variety of auction items that will be available. Our audience will not only stay busy during the live and silent auctions, but there will be delectable food provided by Wind Creek, door prizes, and fun for everyone. All the proceeds go to our humane shelter to help ensure we can continue our work and be there for the public and so many pets in need.

We not only want everyone to make sure to mark July 28th to join us, but we are also accepting items for our auction. Our auction always has something for everyone from jewelry to furniture, pet items to sports memorabilia, antiques to art and so much more. If you would like to donate an item to our auction please contact our Auction Committee Chair, Chris Sisson at silentauction@elmorehumane.com. All donated items are tax-deductible and support a great cause (though we may be a bit biased).

Spring is upon us as the influx of litters is right around the corner. Many puppies & kittens are often brought to us too young to not only be taken away from their mothers but also to be adopted as we do not adopt puppies or kittens until they are at least eight weeks old. While we love and care for all our pets as best we can, the shelter is simply not the optimal environment for itty bitty babies and there are a number of good reason for puppies and kittens to stay longer with their moms. Puppies & kittens weaned too early are often at a nutritional disadvantage and also face developmental challenges since they learn a lot of lessons from their mothers & siblings as they grow. These are the potential teenage dogs and cats with health and behavior challenges down the road – some of which are cute, some irritating and some may result in that pet being given away, abandoned or taken to a shelter eventually.

If you do have a litter of puppies or kittens you need to bring us we ask that you please let them nurse up to six weeks old (can start supplementing them with wet food a week or two earlier) and then continue to keep them at home until they are 7-8 weeks old. This will help their immune system develop and also help us be able to place them for adoption quicker. As pets are adopted it not only saves their lives, but the lives of others who also desperately need their space.