

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 7 Mar '16
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The new Shelter Challenge begins TODAY, 7 March, and our chance to win \$1000 for our pets if we finish in 1st place in Alabama! The best way for us to win is to leap out in first place today and stay there. Please go to www.shelterchallenge.com where you will be able to vote every day from work, home, school, smart phone, etc. Once there the easiest way to find us is to type in our zip of 36092 or Wetumpka, AL. Some web browsers do not work with this site, so if you have problems, please first try a different browser to access the site. Thanks everyone for taking literally just a minute of your time every day to help us win big for our animals!

Our shelter is lucky to have an awesome group on our side – the Predator's Motorcycle Association (PMA)! The PMA and our shelter are looking forward to the upcoming 14th annual Cruisin 'fer Critters on Saturday, May 7th at Papa T's, 3420 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, AL! Registration starts at 11 am with last bike out by 1pm. Each 'hand' is \$15 for which you get an event patch, goodie bag, food, door prize ticket and more such as live music, motorcycle games, bike/car wash and just a great day of fun. Best hand wins \$250, 2nd best wins \$100 and worst hand wins \$50 (must be present to win). There is a \$5 minimum if you don't want to play a 'hand.' Sponsorships are available and start at \$100 this so please contact John West at 334-294-7154 or email us at the shelter at hselco@bellsouth.net if you would like to be a sponsor or for any questions.

Spring is right around the corner and will bring us a huge influx of litters. If you find a mom and her litter or if you have a mom and litter you intend to bring to us we implore you to wait until the babies are closer to 7-8 weeks old if at all possible. While we love and care for all our pets as best we can, there is simply not enough space in the shelter, nor enough foster homes, to raise litters for weeks and weeks until they are ready to be adopted. There are also a number of physiological and psychological reasons for puppies and kittens to stay with their moms and siblings until they are finished weaned. Besides the nutritional advantage of staying with mom long enough, puppies and kittens learn a lot of lessons from their mothers & siblings as they grow. Puppies & kittens weaned too early can develop potential 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 try to keep them until they are closer to eight weeks old if at all possible since space is our limiting factor and being able to place them for adoption immediately truly helps them and the other animals also desperately looking for new homes.

To contact the shelter for any questions please contact us at hselco@bellsouth.net or call us at 334-567-3377.