

Humane Society of Elmore County News - 18 Apr '16

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We want to thank everyone who voted for us daily and helped us again win \$1000 for our pets for finishing #1 in Alabama in The Animal Rescue Site Shelter Challenge! We can certainly put this money to good use for the vaccinations we buy in large numbers to keep our pets healthy and the medications for those that need help recovering from illness or injury. And extra thanks to those who helped 'remind' all of us daily to vote – that makes a huge difference indeed!

Spring is upon us as the influx of litters has begun with many coming in far 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 numerous good reasons for puppies and kittens to stay longer with their moms. 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.

Our shelter is lucky to have an incredible group of people on our side – the Predator's Riding Club (PRC) and they have been the stars behind the scenes of the annual Cruisin' 'fer Critters that is going into its 14<sup>th</sup> year this year! Make sure you have Saturday, 7 May marked on your calendar to join us for CRUISIN' FER CRITTERS 2016!

There is a BIG change this year as the ride will START at the Thirsty Turtle, 4884 Main St in Millbrook, AL and then it will END at DeJa Vu, 121 N. Burbank Dr. in Montgomery, AL! Registration at the Thirsty Turtle starts at 11 am with the last bike out at 12 pm. Bikes are NOT required to join in the fun and Cruisin' is open to everyone.

Cruisin' details: each 'hand' is \$15 for which you get an event patch, goodie bag, food, door prize ticket and more. Charles Shawn Singleton will be the Master of Ceremonies, live music by Jones Social Club, bike/car wash, live auction fun, biker thrift items and just a great day of fun. Best hand wins \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 still available so please contact John West at 334-294-7154 or contact us at the shelter at [hselco@bellsouth.net](mailto:hselco@bellsouth.net) or 334-567-3377 if you would like to be a sponsor or for any questions.