

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 28 Apr 14
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Director

We need to make a correction to last week's article. Last week we asked our supporters to start voting for us again in the new Shelter Challenge (www.shelterchallenge.com). We had been trying to confirm some conflicting information from the "Challenge" and finally found out that since we won the last round we are NOT eligible to win in this round. So.....we are asking our supporters to please vote every day for the Prattville/Autauga Humane Society as their supporters helped keep us in the lead in the last round. To find them just type in their zip code of 36067. Voting goes 'til late June so let's help our sister shelter in Prattville win \$1000 for their animals!

Don't pack your lunch this Wednesday, 30 April as the Alabama Power Service Organization (APSO) will be hosting a hamburger and hotdog lunch benefiting our shelter and all proceeds will be donated to help us buy supplies needed for the pets at the shelter. On 30 April, from 11 am – 2 pm, head to the Alabama Power Company office at 400 South Main Street, Wetumpka where you will be able to buy a plate lunch with your pick of a hotdog (\$5), a hamburger (\$6) or both (\$7) along with baked beans, chips, dessert and a canned drink. You can also pre-order a plate by calling/emailing Wendy Barnes at 334-206-2512 / wlbarnes@southernco.com or Kim Adams at 334-206-2501 / kkadams@southernco.com. This is such a wonderful thing for APSO's members to do for us and we greatly appreciate their support!

If you find coming to the shelter a bit overwhelming, then we have the ticket for you so you can still find your new best friend. This Fri, Sat & Sun (2, 3, & 4 May) we will have many of our wonderful adoptable pets at the Montgomery PetSmart and at the Prattville PetSmart in celebration of the PetSmart Charities National Adoption Weekend proudly sponsored by PetSmart®, Purina® Pro Plan®, and Tidy Cats®. Look for our staff, volunteers and pets to be on site, Fri (tentative) from approximately 2 – 5 pm; Sat 11 am – 4 pm and Sun 1 pm – 4 pm. We always need a lot of volunteers to help us at these events so if you can lend a hand for a couple of hours on one of these days, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Charline Pope at 334-202-1381 or email her at popecharlie58@yahoo.com.

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 reason 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 down the road. 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.

