

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 29 Apr 13
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Director

Thanks to Walmart and our fantastic Millbrook supporters our first Supply Drive of the year was a huge success as we received a huge amount of donated supplies and money to help our animals. These supply drives truly help as the money saved purchasing supplies can go to some of our special animals in need like Angela, a very sweet Spaniel mix, who recently started her heartworm treatment. We are grateful to each of our volunteers for helping out and to everyone who donated items and money so generously.

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 (3, 4 & 5 May) we will have many of our wonderful adoptable pets at the Montgomery PetSmart and at the Prattville PetSmart on Sat & Sun, 4 & 5 May 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 (Montgomery only) from noon – 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 in earnest and many coming in are 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.