

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 30 Apr '12  
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Director

Do you find coming to the shelter a bit overwhelming? We know that for some people seeing so many pets needing homes is just too hard, so we have an alternative so you can still find your new best friend. This Fri, Sat & Sun (4-6 May) we will have many of our wonderful adoptable pets at both the Montgomery and Prattville PETsMARTs in celebration of the National Adoption Weekend proudly sponsored by PetSmart® & Purina® Pro Plan®. Look for our staff, volunteers and pets to be at each location on Fri & Sat 11 am – 4 pm and Sun noon – 4 pm

We will also be joining in the fun this Saturday, 5 May from 1-4 pm at Cain's Chapel United Methodist Church Spring Family Fishing & Fun Day. This fun afternoon has something for all ages and will be at 9200 Holtville Rd in the Slapout community. For more information go to <http://www.cainschapelumc.org/special-events/family-fishin-fun-2012>.

As you can see we have a pretty busy weekend ahead and 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 [popecharlie58@yahoo.com](mailto:popecharlie58@yahoo.com).

Perhaps one of the most important functions of our board and staff is looking to the future direction of our shelter and mission. To help us get ready for some strategic planning sessions we are soliciting input from our members and volunteers that will help us in upcoming brainstorming sessions. We are looking for ideas to ensure our Society not only meets the needs of all the animals that depend on us, but of our community as well for many years to come. This means we have to make sure we can remain financially sound as a non-profit organization and meet every facet of our mission “to insure the best possible quality of life for animals, to prevent cruelty to animals, to stop pet overpopulation, to strive for the humane care, treatment, and well-being of all animals through education and information, and to promote public health and safety in regards to human and animal interaction.” Please send your input to us via email no later than 18 May '12 to [hselco@bellsouth.net](mailto:hselco@bellsouth.net) where we will consolidate all ideas for the board and staff at our upcoming planning session.

We certainly couldn't keep up with everything we do if not for our incredible volunteers. To help our volunteers learn more about us and new volunteers get off to a good start we are going to have a round-robin type volunteer training on Sunday afternoon, 24 Jun '12 from 1-4 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, Hwy 231 in Wetumpka. What does this mean? You will be able to come by during this time and talk to various staff, board members and other volunteers about the many ways you can volunteer to help us. There will be separate tables to find out about volunteering in the shelter, in our Thrift Store, at our various events, in education, as a foster and more. And you don't have to be with us the entire time – just stop in, get the info you want and while you are welcome to hang out as long as you like, feel free to get your info and head off to other afternoon fun!

**Pet Fun Fact:** It has been established that people who own pets live longer, have less stress, and have fewer heart attacks.