

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 20 May '13

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This is a newsletter chocked full of shout-outs to people and groups who helped us in a big way recently. We first want to thank Helicity Montgomery & the Montgomery Street Fair, Carriage Hills Animal Hospital and The Predator's Motorcycle Association for inviting us to join in the fun of the 2nd Annual Montgomery Street Fair earlier this month. We enjoyed visiting with lots of pet loving people so that more people know about our shelter and greatly appreciate the Predator's for joining the fun and raising some money for our critters!

Next is a huge thumbs-up to our supporters who voted so diligently for us in The Animal Rescue Site's 2013 \$100,000 Shelter+ Challenge and Petfinder.com as we earned 100 vaccinations for our pets thanks to our second place finish. "These challenges have been a wonderful opportunity for Petfinder.com members," says Lisa Robinson, executive director of the Petfinder.com Foundation. "The winners not only have a chance to win prizes, but the challenges really bring the shelter's supporters together with a common mission for adoptable pets." Greater Good's The Animal Rescue Site has funded more than \$1.3 million in grants to shelters and rescue groups since the Challenges began in 2008. As soon as we know the start date for the next round in The Shelter Challenge we will let everyone know here & on Facebook! Thanks so much to everyone who stuck with us and tried so hard to get us to 1st place!

On Monday, 13 May, we were awestruck to find out that the students at Redland Elementary School had raised almost \$2300 for our animals in a week long Pennies for Puppies program. This was the brainchild of Youth Leadership Elmore County along with the great faculty, parents and students of Redland Elementary. They had a Popsicle Party for the class with the best container on 9 May, and a Pizza Party for the top fund-raising class thanks to the generosity of Wetumpka's Little Caesar's Pizza on 13 May! We truly cannot thank everyone involved enough for thinking of our shelter like this and exceeding all expectations to help our animals!

The Kentucky Derby was even good for our shelter as a group of wonderful supporters had a Derby Party and donated over \$1200 to help our animals as a result! We felt like we were in that winner's circle to be sure!

Thanks to our foster program and networking, we want to give a final shout out to Precious Cat Litters (www.preciouscat.com) who donated a considerable amount of cat litter to our kitties last week. This couldn't have come at a better time since kitten season has started in force. Besides litter we are going through a lot more cat and kitten food these days so could use an influx of dry and canned cat/kitten food. We prefer the brands with no dyes as those just seem to work best for our kitties but all get used. Thank you to all who have dropped dog and cat food by the shelter recently as we get into our peak intake months and need all the help we can get.

A final shout-out to all who volunteered and donated to our animals this past Saturday at the Wetumpka Wal-Mart Supply Drive and the Elmore Antique Tractor Show and Pull. As you can tell our calendar is pretty full this time of year so thank everyone for your unwavering support!

One event coming up fast is the 11th Annual Cruisin' fer Critters Charity Ride sponsored by the Predator's Motorcycle Association on Saturday, 22 June at Papa T's, 3420 Atlanta Highway Montgomery, AL 36109! All proceeds will be donated to our humane shelter to help our animals and last year The Predator's donated \$11,640 to our shelter! Registration starts at noon, last bike out at 1 pm. Registration cost is \$15 per hand which includes an event patch, food, door prize, bike related items for sale, and live Rock 'n Roll. This is a family friendly event, and just a great afternoon of fun and fund-raising to help our shelter! For more information contact John West at 334-294-7154.