

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 25 May '15

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We hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful Memorial Day and taking some time to give thanks to all the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country safe and secure.

Many thanks to Charline Pope and all who donated supplies and money at our Sam's Club Supply Drive last Friday! Those supplies go a long way in our shelter and truly help in a big way!

At the shelter we are now into what we call 'kitten season' as the baskets and boxes and cages of kittens are arriving daily. Perhaps sadder is how many more kittens needing homes are out in the community which also means fewer people coming to the shelter to adopt kittens. With literally hundreds of kittens listed for free in newspapers, in the Bulletin Board, on Facebook, etc, the supply of kittens far exceeds the demand. All of these free kittens unfortunately perpetuate this vicious cycle as only a small percentage of these will ever be spayed or neutered. Many of these kittens will get pregnant as early as four months old and the dilemma of too many kittens and not enough homes will continue.

If you are looking to add a cat or kitten to your family, please look to your local shelter. All of the area shelters have kittens in need of homes and these kittens will have had basic immunizations and de-wormings, will be spayed or neutered, microchipped and so much more. With the support of all of the area veterinarians, we can pretty well say that adopting a kitten from a shelter will be the most economical way to give one a good home and make sure your new cat does not contribute to a very real problem of pet overpopulation. And if you do get one of the hundreds of free kittens, please see to it that it is vaccinated and dewormed by your vet soon after you get it and then spayed or neutered (remember – it takes two to tango, so boys need to be neutered as well) by the time it is six months old. No matter where you get your kitten (or cat or puppy or dog), please take it to a veterinarian soonest so that it can get off to a healthy start. Far too many 'free' pets succumb to diseases because they never went to a veterinarian to help them get the protection they need and your veterinarian will be happy to answer your questions and help make sure your pet is a happy and healthy member of your family.

Ready to start voting again to help us win big for our shelter? The new Shelter Challenge begins on Monday, 1 June and the best way for us to win is to leap out in first place on that first day and stay there. They have not yet posted if the state winner will still get \$1000, but whether it is \$1000, vaccinations or beds for our pets we ask for your help. On 1 June go to [www.shelterchallenge.com](http://www.shelterchallenge.com) where you will be able to vote every day from work, home, school, smart phone, etc. Once there the easiest way to find us is to type in our zip of 36092 or Wetumpka, AL to find us. Some web browsers do not work with this site, so if you have problems, please first try a different browser to access the site. Thanks everyone for taking literally just a minute of your time every day to help us win big for our animals!

To stay on top of events for our shelter or see our great pets check out our website at [www.elmorehumane.com](http://www.elmorehumane.com) or give us a call at 334/567-3377 for any questions.