

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 30 May ‘16

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

“Kitten season” is in full swing as we are receiving increasing numbers of kittens, momma cats with kittens, orphaned kittens, single kittens, multiple litters of kittens, just kittens and more kittens. And possibly for every kitten surrendered to our shelter there are another three or four more kittens out in the community looking for homes. With literally hundreds of kittens looking for homes each week, 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. For our \$50 adoption fee, our 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.

Lest we forget – there are also many, many dogs, puppies and adult cats at our shelter looking for their forever homes. We had some great adoptions this past Saturday but our intake still exceeded adoptions so please come out and visit our pets to find your new best friend. We are open for adoptions Mon–Fri 10-5 & Sat 9-3 and the shelter is located at 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka, AL, 36092.

Our adoption fees are \$100 for dogs & \$50 for cats under 1 year old; cats over one year old can be adopted by approved adopters for a fee of their choosing. This adoption fee completely covers the mandatory spay or neuter, basic immunizations, de-worming, microchip, heartworm check for dogs, rabies vaccination if old enough, 45 days of pet health insurance and a free health exam with your participating veterinarian.

For more information check out our website at www.elmorehumane.org, email us at hselco@bellsouth.net or give us a call at 334-567-3377.