

Humane Society of Elmore County News - 26 Jun '17

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Hope to see a big turnout this Fri, 30 Jun for the [Bow Wow Boogie](#) at the [Smokehouse BBQ Millbrook](#), 2461 Main St, Millbrook from 6:30 – 9 pm for a great evening of music on behalf of our shelter. The [Wishbone Tribute Band](#) will be playing and there is no charge to attend though donations of money and/or shelter supplies will gladly be accepted. For those wanting to bring us supplies the following are our biggest needs: Non-Clumping Clay Cat Litter, Bleach, Fabuloso Liquid Detergent, Liquid Dishwashing Detergent, Dog & Cat Toys and Peanut Butter or Vienna Sausages (for giving medication to the dogs/cats).

Like many our staff is looking forward to the upcoming 4th of July weekend, but we also dread it as well. Why? Because the number of lost pets skyrockets on and around the 4<sup>th</sup> from all of the fireworks activity. With the 4<sup>th</sup> being on a Tuesday, pet owners need to be prepared for fireworks activity starting the weekend prior and on Tuesday.

Preventing a lost pet on holidays like the 4<sup>th</sup> and New Year's is easy – just bring your dogs and cats inside BEFORE any fireworks start and keep them in until well after all of the flashes and bangs are finished. They may still be scared and hide in a quiet spot in the house, but at least they will be safe at home. If your pet cannot come in the house, then consider containing it in your garage or shop or barn as long as it isn't so hot to be dangerous to your pet. And make sure any hazardous materials are safely out of reach of your pet no matter where they stay. Once the fireworks are done you should then be able to safely let your pet back outside but it will be safest to wait until the next morning if you have fireworks loving neighbors.

Making sure your pet has identification on their collar will greatly help them get back home. If their rabies tag is current a finder or shelter can call the Vet on the tag to find the owner but keep in mind that only works when the Vet's office is open. Even better is a personalized ID tag or write your phone number on their collar in indelible ink. Microchips will always be there (collars and tags can come off), so schedule an appointment with your veterinarian to have your pet microchipped as all area shelters scan found pets for chips and all adopted shelter pets in our area are chipped so there is a good chance a found pet could have a microchip.

We have an engraving machine at the shelter and can make pet owners customized tags in just a few minutes at very low cost (\$7-10) anytime the shelter is open Mon-Fri 8-5 and Sat 8-3. Pets found with ID tags with your phone number will likely never have to even come to our shelter since the finder can call you to retrieve your pet.

If your pet does become lost (or you find a pet), please call us at the shelter at 334-567-3377 on as soon as possible so we can take a report (leave message if we are closed). Facebook has also become an excellent resource to help lost and found pets so please go to our "[Lost & Found Pets in Elmore County, AL](#)" Facebook page to post pics and info. There are also Lost & Found Pet pages for all the counties and many towns around Elmore County and we advise that you post your missing pet to every area page you can. Perhaps most important is posting a photo of your pet AND post a phone number you can be reached at in the event you are out and not ON Facebook. We cannot stress enough the difference photos make in reuniting pets and their families, so if you don't have any, take them without delay! You can also email information and pics to us at [hselco@bellsouth.net](mailto:hselco@bellsouth.net) as we do print all of those and keep in our Lost & Found files and will check email even on the days we are closed.