

Humane Society of Elmore County News - 29 Jun '15
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Remember Cruisin' fer Critters held by the Predator's Motorcycle Association (PMA) back in May to raise money for our shelter? Well, they brought us the big check on Saturday and HUGE drum roll please as the final total is \$15,026.96!!!! It certainly doesn't get any better than that! Well, except for their group visit also resulting in three dogs getting adopted by some awesome Predator members!!! We simply cannot thank each and every PMA member and supporter enough for all their hard work year round to make 'Cruisin' such a success year after year. They have certainly set the bar high and we look forward to many years working together to help 'Critters' in need!

While we hope everyone has a wonderful 4th of July this coming Saturday, we fear for all the lost pets that will likely result from Saturday night (and perhaps Friday and Sunday nights too). Why? Because fireworks and pets are NOT a good mix and many pets run from them only to end up confused and displaced.

Preventing a lost pet this 4th of July is too 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 for the evening. 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. But make sure any hazardous materials are put 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 go a long way to getting them back home – current rabies tag, personalized tag, or write your phone number on their collar in indelible ink. And schedule an appointment with your veterinarian to have your pet microchipped as that truly helps us get pets back home in the event they lose their collar. 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 on Sunday please). Facebook has become an excellent resource to help lost and found pets so please go to our "Lost & Found Pets in Elmore County" Facebook page to post pics and info. Photos of your pets make a HUGE difference as we work to reunite 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 as we do print all of those and keep in our Lost & Found files.

Our Tails End Thrift Store will be OPEN on Saturday, 4th of July, since that coincides with the first Saturday of the month Santuck Flea Market. We anticipate that our Thrift Store will be a very BUSY place from 9 – 3 and so appreciate our Volunteers who willingly stepped up to work on the 4th! It is that kind of selfless service that is truly humbling as our volunteers work tremendously hard to help our pets – thank you so very much!