

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 1 Jul '13

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If there is one thing we know is that our phone will be ringing off the hook this coming Friday & Saturday. Why? Because the couple of days AFTER the 4th of July are always chaotic with calls from pet owners looking for their missing pets. Face it – 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 Friday morning. Of course some folks may be holding their festivities for this coming weekend so at the first whistle or bang, get your pets inside until they are done. 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 Friday or Saturday (we will be closed on Thu) as soon as possible so we can take a report. You can also report a lost/found pet on our website: www.elmorehumane.com or email us their info and pictures directly to hselco@bellsouth.net. 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!

We are now less than three weeks away from our Wags & Whiskers “Bone-A-Fit” Auction on Friday, July 19th at the Wetumpka Civic Center, 212 S. Main Street, Wetumpka. This evening of fun starts at 6:30 pm and besides a wide variety of treasures (hotel packages, gift certificates, antiques, pet items, paintings, collectibles, furniture, jewelry, coins, etc) we will have great food and drink, door prizes, chances on two HUGE Alabama & Auburn gift baskets for just \$1 each (can purchase at the shelter as well) and just a super evening of fun. This is both a silent and live auction event with something for everyone and you can preview every item on our special auction website at www.elmorehumane.com. You can buy tickets ahead of time at our shelter (\$25 couple/\$15 single) by coming to the shelter at 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka. For any questions just give us a call or email as noted above.