

Humane Society of Elmore County News - 2 Jul '12

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One of the busiest days in animal shelters across our country is the day AFTER the 4th of July. Why? Because many pets and livestock are scared to death of fireworks and run from them only to end up confused and displaced. So we sadly expect our phone to ring off the hook this Thursday about missing pets and can only hope many of them are safely with us so we can get them back to their owner.

So PLEASE 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 Thursday 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 Thursday (we will be closed on Wed) 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!

This Saturday, 7 July we hope you can stop by our Tails End Thrift Store (collocated at the shelter) from 9-3, as books will be buy one/get one free; pants/jeans will only be \$1/pair and there will be a huge 'Christmas in July' sale so you can get those Christmas decorations early.

We are now only four weeks away from our Wags & Whiskers "Bone-A-Fit" Auction on Friday, July 27th 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 (gift certificates, trips, antiques, pet items, paintings, collectibles, furniture, jewelry, coins, etc) we will have great food and drink, door prizes, 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. If you have been planning on donating an item we need it immediately so that it can be listed in our program and on-line. Items received too late may either be placed as 'too late to classify' in the program or held for next year's auction. You can buy tickets ahead of time at our shelter (\$25 couple/\$15 single) and can also still reserve a table for eight for \$300 by coming to the shelter at 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka. For any questions on our auction contact Sandy Faulk at 334-541-2505 or email her at silentauction@elmorehumane.com.

Pet Fun Fact: The dog name "Fido" is from Latin and means "fidelity."