

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 11 Aug '14
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Join us at the Aw Shucks Oyster Bar, 4100 Wetumpka Hwy (Hwy 231), Montgomery, for their first annual Dog Days of Summer Luau on Sat, 23 Aug, from 6-9 pm to help benefit our shelter. Pets are welcome on the outside deck area, there will be live entertainment by Lisa Buslerwill inside & the Miller Lite girls will also be joining the festivities. There will be fun games, great food and drink and even a contest for Best Dressed Pet & Owner. Bring your friends and let's pack the place on the 23rd!

It is just a bit over a month to our Bark in the Park 2014 at Ft. Toulouse in Wetumpka on Sunday, 21 September from 1-5 pm! Bark in the Park is an afternoon of fun for pet lovers and shelter supporters! There will be something for everyone - demonstrations and interactive events for dogs like agility, Frisbee Dog, K-9 Nosework, Flyball and more; visit with and learn about livestock up close and personal; see Ron's Kritter Kids with their incredible raccoons; enjoy some great food and baked goods; let your dog stop by Bone Mountain for a snack after the Pet Parade and so much more!

These are only a few of the events that will be taking place at Bark in the Park so please check out our website at www.elmorehumane.org for more information. We are still welcoming vendors and Bark in the Park is a great place to network and get your business seen by a huge crowd. Vendor space is only \$50 so just email us at hselco@bellsouth.net for a vendor application if you haven't already downloaded it from our website.

Bark in the Park admission is \$5 for those 13 and older. All dogs must be leashed, good in public and have a current rabies tag on their collar. In the event of severe weather, the backup date for Bark in the Park is Sunday, 30 September 2014, still at Ft. Toulouse.

Mother Nature has really fired up her ovens the past few weeks bringing dangerously high temperatures for man and animal alike. It is critical that pet owners understand that our dogs and cats don't sweat like we do and have to pant to try and control their body temperature but panting can only cool them down so much. Outside pets need shelter that is well shaded and lots of fresh and clean water. A great investment this time of year is a plastic kiddie pool full of water as many dogs will enjoy getting into a pool to cool off.

Many pet owners like to take their pets with them in their vehicle, but our advice this time of year is to leave your pets at home in the air conditioning if there is any chance you might need to make a stop. Leaving a pet in a parked car in this heat can be a death sentence and rightfully subject the owner to animal cruelty charges. Don't bet that an air conditioner in an idling car will continue to cool either – to be safe, just leave your pets at HOME.

And for those that travel with their dog in the back of a pickup truck, how about putting your hand on the truck bed and you will feel that it is much too hot to be safe for your dog and can cause bad burns to the pads of your dog's feet. Put your dog in the cab of the truck with you so it too can enjoy the air conditioning and your company. Having your pet inside the vehicle might also save its life in the event of an accident or in trying to avoid an accident.

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