

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 12 Aug '13  
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Ready to start clicking for us again? TODAY is the day! We are eligible to win \$1000 in The Animal Rescue Site Shelter Challenge and need our supporters to vote every day as the competition has definitely increased. Just go to [www.shelterchallenge.com](http://www.shelterchallenge.com) and you can find us by either typing in Wetumpka, AL or our name (Humane Society of Elmore County) to find our shelter to vote for us. Once you have voted for us it is even easier as our shelter will automatically pop up on the screen for you to vote for. And remember – You can vote once each day on any computer or smart phone you have access to – work, home, school, etc. You can also set this up so you receive an email each day to remind you to vote. We want to jump out of the starting gate today in 1<sup>st</sup> place so please ask your friends, classmates, family and coworkers to vote for us – costs nothing, no registration required and just a couple of clicks every day will get us to another \$1000 for our deserving critters!

We hope to see lots of people at the Wetumpka Chamber of Commerce Business Expo this Tue, 13 Aug, from 3-6 pm at the Wetumpka Civic Center. We will be there so be sure to stop by our table and check out the pics of our adoptable pets and find out more about our shelter!

This coming Saturday, 17 Aug, we will be at the Tractor Supply in Millbrook from about 10 am – 2 pm with some of our wonderful pups for adoption. If you are not in the market for a new companion but would like to support us, we will be grateful for any purchased and donated supplies as Tractor Supply carries a wide range of pet items that our shelter pets would love. We certainly appreciate Tractor Supply inviting us to join them as we all work to find loving pets their forever homes.

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 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.

To keep up with us just check us out at [www.elmorehumane.org](http://www.elmorehumane.org) or find us on Facebook!