

Humane Society of Elmore County News - 20 Aug '12
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Director

It's time to make sure you have your calendar marked for Sunday, 23 September from 1-5 pm for our next big event – Bark in the Park 2012! We hope for another huge crowd of shelter supporters and pet lovers for an afternoon of fun at Ft. Toulouse in Wetumpka. Bark in the Park is a celebration for all who love animals and also enjoy supporting our shelter. This annual event lets hundreds of people AND hundreds of dogs come together for an afternoon of fun with fellow pet lovers while helping support our shelter.

You will find plenty to enjoy at Bark in the Park – lots of pet activities for you and your pet like Agility, Flyball, Frisbee, Hide 'N Seek, Search & Rescue, Obedience and more. There will also be children's games, a wildlife exhibit with Raccoons and other 'critters' from Ron's Kritter Kids, Police Dog Demo by the Wetumpka Police Department, microchip clinic (\$25 includes registration), adoptable dogs, meet the breed, exhibits, great food, baked goodies, Bark in the Park 2012 T-Shirts for sale and so much more! Vendor space is only \$35, but please do contact us first as we need to make sure we don't have duplicate type products or events (vendors must be approved prior to Bark in the Park). Vendors must also have an Elmore County business license and that contact info is on our vendor application (on our website at www.elmorehumane.org) or you can call the Elmore County Probate Office at (334) 567-1142.

Admission is \$5 for those 13 and older and we will have someone at the gate of Ft. Toulouse to take money and give you a map and schedule of the events. 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 2012, still at Ft. Toulouse.

This coming Saturday, 25 August, we will have a Supply Drive at the Tallassee Wal-Mart from 9 am – 1 pm. These supply drives truly help as the funds saved from donated supplies can then be used to help injured or sick animals in need of our help. And we also need an influx of dry cat food and also canned dog/puppy food as our stocks of those two critical items are very low! If you have some time to volunteer we can always use some help, so just give our Volunteer Coordinator, Charline Pope, a call at 334-202-1381 or email her at popecharlie58@yahoo.com.

We have received over 3000 mostly dogs and cats thus far this year which is why these supply drives are so critical. We greatly appreciate every supporter who adds an extra pack of paper towels, or gallon of bleach, or bag of food to their shopping to help our animals.

Cat Breed Info: The Maine Coon is a beautiful, larger (males 13-18 lbs; females 9-13 lbs) cat known for its dense, semi-longhair coat & bushy tail that comes in virtually all patterns and colors. Their coat is smooth and easy to maintain as long as they get a weekly brushing. The Maine Coon cat is an affectionate, people-orientated cat that makes an excellent companion for large families. They are sociable and loving towards other pets and children but not overly-dependent. They can be quite happy entertaining themselves for a while but also enjoy "assisting" you with your tasks and this is one cat breed that actually enjoys games like fetch! Maine Coons are not loud cats and often talk by chirping and trilling in a soft voice that does not quite go with a cat of their size.