

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 25 Aug '14
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It was a great Supply Drive at the Millbrook Wal-Mart this past Saturday and many thanks to Charlie and all the volunteers who braved the scorching heat, and to all who purchased and donated supplies to help our animals! Those supplies truly help so we can use donated funds for direct animal care – thank you so much to ALL of our supporters!

If you weren't able to join us at Aw Shucks Oyster Bar & Grill for the first annual Dog Days of Summer Luau Saturday evening you missed out on some delectable food and a lot of fun! The folks at Aw Shucks truly outdid themselves with a covered and decorated area outside for people and pooches alike! Yes, it was hot, but oh so much fun so well worth it. Many thanks to the Aw Shucks crew, Lisa Busler & the Miller Lite girls for working so hard in the heat and making sure everyone had a great time. We received direct donations of over \$300 and a huge load of pet food and treats, and there will be more money coming once final accounting is completed! That makes for one successful event, all to help our pets and we look forward to doing this again next year.

Since the coming weekend is the Labor Day holiday we will NOT be doing any adoptions at the area PETsMARTs on Saturday. The shelter and Thrift Store will, however, be open our normal hours on Saturday, 30 Aug. The Shelter will be closed Monday, 1 September in observance of Labor Day.

If you have plans to be away from home this three-day weekend and cannot take your pet with you we hope you have made plans for your pets' care. If you are not boarding your pet at a professional boarding facility and have a family member or friend caring for your pet, please take the time to ensure that person has all the info they need to not only keep your pet safe and happy, but how to respond in an emergency. Make sure your pet has its collar and tags on so that it can be reunited with you in the event it becomes lost (and still time this week to take your pet to your veterinarian for a microchip). While we hope this isn't needed, leaving signed instructions with your pet sitter in regards to medical treatment authorization could be vital in the event of an emergency when you cannot be reached. Of course leaving contact info with your pet sitter is vital, but phone connectivity is often sparse in many vacation areas, so please plan for the worst case, perhaps having another person as a contact in the event of an emergency.

Whenever you leave your pet in someone else's care, please leave written information about your pet such as physical description, collar color and tags, name, food requirements, medications and behavioral issues that a sitter or veterinarian needs to know. All of this will help in the event of an emergency as your sitter just may not know everything there is to know about your pet. And if you come home and your pet is missing, please call us first thing on Tuesday so that we can either take a lost report and be on the lookout for your pet or reunite you if your pet is safely with us.

In this day and age of technology we also advise having photos of your pet on your phone and also on your Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest or other social media. This way you can quickly get your pet's photo circulating in the event it becomes lost and you can get to a computer to post the info. And if you are traveling with your pet and it is microchipped, perhaps store that microchip number in your phone so you can access it if your pet is lost away from home.

We wish everyone a wonderful and safe Labor Day weekend!