

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 27 Aug '12  
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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, 1 Sep, AND we will have our last Supply Drive for the year at the Millbrook Wal-Mart from 9 am – 1 pm. Volunteers are needed at our Supply Drive so if you can help please contact Charline at [popecharlie58@yahoo.com](mailto:popecharlie58@yahoo.com). The Shelter will be closed Monday, 3 September in observance of Labor Day.

As of today it appears that Isaac will not significantly affect our area, so we anticipate one last busy weekend on our area lakes and rivers. If you include your dog in your water fun, please also plan for their safety. Just like you, your dog needs its own Pet Flotation Device (PFD) which it should wear while on board any boat. We have received dogs rescued from the middle of Lake Martin and they were certainly lucky someone found and rescued them. If a dog falls overboard in a huge lake like Lake Martin, and is not noticed, it might not be able to make it to shore before tiring out. You can purchase PFDs from various retail sources locally and on-line; please make sure to get the appropriate size for your pet and get your dog used to its PFD before heading out on the water. Make sure to carefully supervise your dog and have a plan in mind for how you would retrieve your dog from the water (especially a larger dog) should you need to get it back into your boat. Give your dog a shady, secure spot to rest onboard and pack a dog first aid kit in the event of hazards from fishing gear and walking around unfamiliar shores. One last caution might be to not feed your dog too much before going out in case it is susceptible to motion sickness – smaller snacks might work better than a big breakfast.

It is less than one month to our Bark in the Park at Ft. Toulouse in Wetumpka on Sunday, 23 September from 1-5 pm! Bark in the Park is an afternoon of fun for pet lovers with great food, pet contests, children's games, dog activities, wildlife exhibit by Ron's Kritter Kids and so much more! Vendor space is only \$35 (vendors must also have an Elmore County business license) and admission is \$5 for those 13 and older. We will have a microchip clinic from 2 – 4 pm for a cost of \$25 per dog which will cover the microchip and registration. 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. For more information go to our website at [www.elmorehumane.org](http://www.elmorehumane.org).

We hope everyone has a safe and fun Labor Day weekend!

**Dog Breed Info:** Boxers are happy, high-spirited, playful, intelligent & curious dogs who bond very close with their family. They are loyal & affectionate, love children and can be taught to get along with most other animals. Boxers get their name from the way they use their front paws for just about everything. The Boxer's nature is to protect and they have been widely used in military and police work. They are very athletic, so daily mental and physical exercise are paramount but they can do well living inside with their family as long as they get a brisk, daily walk or good play session. Boxers range from 50-70 lbs, have a short coat that is easy to care for, come in a variety of color types but can have some health concerns you may want to discuss with your veterinarian if you are not experienced with the breed.