

Humane Society of Elmore County News - 4 Aug '14
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Everyone that joined in our fun Friday night will agree when we say - WHAT A FANTASTIC EVENING! Our 9th annual Wags & Whiskers Silent Auction was simply stupendous with a huge crowd and spirited bidding all evening long! As a result of such awesome support, YOU brought in \$22,440 to help our animals! This is our best year ever and far exceeded our hope to finally surpass \$20,000! When the doors opened at 6 pm, those in 'the know' headed straight to the scrumptious layout of hors d'oeuvres provided by Creek Casino Wetumpka. Once bolstered by all the yummy food, the evening of bidding began in earnest! With the help of our dynamic Master of Ceremonies, Ziggy, KOOL Classic Hits-WRBZ, the bidding was high energy throughout the evening. During the live auction section, Auctioneers Scott & Michelle Williams, High as the Sky Auction Company, ramped up the fun by coaxing out the highest of bids for many wonderful items.

We are tremendously grateful for the wonderful turnout and it is always good to be able to spend a fun evening with so many great supporters and fellow animal lovers. Many thanks to Clay Murrell at the Wetumpka Civic Center for ensuring that the everything was simply perfect for our auction. We also want to thank Tom & Joyce Overton, Overton Properties & Storage Binz, for providing a clean, secure and safe storage area for us to store our auction items year-round.

Making our Auction such a success requires immense dedication from an incredible group of Board Members & Volunteers year-round and our staff wants to thank each and every one of them for working so hard to ensure the continued operation of our shelter. To everyone who donated items to our auction – thank you so very much. And we are most thankful to all who came out to join us Friday night, not only to find some treasures, but to enjoy an evening in the good company of so many who truly care about animals and our work to help as many as we can.

Our Wags & Whiskers Silent Auction is our single largest fund-raising event each year and we hope it is one that everyone enjoyed. Since we are always striving to make our events bigger & better, if you have any thoughts or input about our auction, please email them to hselco@bellsouth.net and we will make sure to pass them to our Auction Committee.

All of our efforts at fund-raising are for the sole purpose of ensuring we can keep our shelter open to help so many pets in need. Last month (July) we took in 605 animals which was sadly the highest monthly intake in our shelter since July 2011. That means we must work even harder to try to help find homes for even more and appreciate all who donate money, Thrift Store items, food and supplies to help us provide the best care for the 250-300 animals in our daily care.

For those already looking ahead, our next big event comes up on Sunday, 21 September as we have an afternoon of fun at Bark in the Park 2014, at Fort Toulouse in Wetumpka. To keep up with our activities check out the calendar on our website at www.elmorehumane.org or on our Facebook page – Humane Society of Elmore County! Thanks all!!!