

Humane Society of Elmore County News - 7 Aug '17
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Back in May the Predator's Riding Club held the 15th annual Cruisin' fer Critters to raise money for our shelter and on the 30th they brought us a check for \$8500! We are so lucky to have this super group on our side and we thank each and every PRC member and supporter for working so hard on behalf of our 'critters!' Cruisin' takes year-round planning for that one successful day and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who makes it such a super event. Thank you Predator's, their families, friends, supporters, sponsors and all who came out!

It appears that June will be our peak intake month as we took in 563 in June (18.5 coming in every open day in Jun) and then 426 in July (17 coming in every open day in Jul). For the year through 31 July we took in 2537 animals: 1692 strays/abandoned brought by either Animal Control Officers or citizens; 821 surrendered directly by their owner and ten wild animals that we then got to the appropriate licensed rehabilitators. These numbers are why support from groups like the Predator's, everyone who donates, and our own fund-raising activities (like the recent Wags 'n Whiskers Auction) is so important as it takes a lot of resources to care for and help the 300+ animals in our shelter this time of year.

Of the 2537 animals we have taken in thus far this year it is important to note that 73% of the cats & 53% of the dogs are UNDER six months old which is why those of us in shelters preach spay & neuter constantly. PREVENTING unwanted litters IS the key to reducing pet overpopulation and euthanasia in shelters. So if you perhaps got a kitten or puppy this spring/summer from out in the community – please call your Veterinarian or the Alabama Animal Alliance in Montgomery and schedule its spay or neuter (it takes two to tango) appointment BEFORE your pet is six months old so you are not dealing with yet another litter of unwanted puppies or kittens in the very near future. Please do your part to reduce pet overpopulation and intake to our shelter!

Looking ahead, Sunday, 17 September is our last big event for the year and we certainly hope you will join us at Bark in the Park 2017, Fort Toulouse in Wetumpka. This pet oriented event is so much fun every year with vendors, demonstrations, contests, parade and so much more! We will also have a Microchip Clinic and 'Ask the Vet' at Bark in the Park thanks to Tuskegee University Veterinary School! From 2-3:30 pm, and for a cost of \$25, you can get your pet microchipped and that will also include the registration with 24 PetWatch. Remember though – all dogs coming to Bark in the Park must be good in public, meaning good around children, adults and other dogs in a very busy situation, AND they must have a current rabies tag/proof of rabies vaccination to come to the park.

We do still have Vendor spots available at Bark in the Park for \$35. This is a great way to get the word out about your business/club/group in a relaxed and fun atmosphere while also supporting our shelter. Bring your own table/pop-up and it is a park so there is no electricity. To get a Vendor Application please email hselco@bellsouth.net or give us a call at 334-567-3377.