

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 1 Sep '14
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We ended August by taking in a total of 362 animals (205 Dogs, 152 Cat & 5 Other) and while that was plenty enough, it was thankfully a lot less than the 605 animals we received in July. 138 of those were surrendered by their owner, and 224 were brought in as 'strays' by people who found them or Animal Control Officers. We were able to help 154 of our pets find new homes or return to their happy owners and ended the month with 322 pets still in our care at the shelter/adoption locations or in foster homes.

But for those who find coming to the shelter a bit overwhelming, PetSmart Charities has the perfect alternative. On Sat & Sun, Sep 13 & 14, we will have many of our wonderful adoptable pets at both the Montgomery & Prattville PetSmart's in celebration of the PetSmart Charities® National Adoption Weekend sponsored by PetSmart®, Purina® Pro Plan®, & Tidy Cats®! Our biggest goal during these adoption events is to find lifetime and loving homes for our pets so come on out at each location Sat 11 am – 4 pm and Sun 1–4 pm. We always need volunteers to help us at these events so if you can lend a hand for a few hours on one of these days, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Charline Pope at popecharlie58@yahoo.com.

Following the Adoption Weekend we hope you will join us for our final big event of the year – Bark in the Park! Come join the fun and bring your dog on Sunday, 21 September, from 1-5 pm at Ft. Toulouse in Wetumpka. Bark in the Park is a celebration of our pets and all who love them and is just an afternoon of fun for everyone! We will have all kinds of events for you and your dog(s) to learn about and participate in such as Agility, Disc Dog, K9 Nose Work, & Obedience. The Pup Parade will commence at 2 pm and judges will also select & award a prize to the best dressed pet, pet/owner look-a-like, biggest pet, smallest pet and a couple of others. There will be horse carriage rides so you can see even more of Ft. Toulouse and the children can have fun at the children's games just for them. For those who haven't had much exposure to farm animals there will be a variety joining us so you can meet and learn more about them. Everyone will want to spend some time visiting Ron's Kitter Kids (*USDA Licensed*) to learn about raccoons, skunks and more and Marianne Hudson will have a wildlife touch table so you can experience what various feathers and pelts actually feel like. JC Foods will have yummy hamburgers, hot dogs & more. Venice Gelato will most certainly stay busy serving up their yummy Italian Gelato & Lemonade. We will have Pepsi products thanks to Buffalo Rock, water and plenty of baked goodies for your sweet tooth. Be sure to stop by the big orange Fixit Wagon to learn about the Alabama Animal Alliance's low cost spay/neuter clinic! If you want to learn about a particular breed of dog, members of the Montgomery Kennel Club will be joining us so you can meet their dogs and learn about their breeds which might help you decide which of our adoptable dogs to give a loving home to. Our special 2014 Bark in the Park T-Shirts will be on sale for \$10 so make sure to add one or more to your collection. There will be a variety of vendors but there is still time if a vendor wants to jump in; vendor spaces are only \$50 and with 800+ folks in attendance this can be a great way to get some public exposure for your business in a relaxed and fun setting while supporting our shelter. For a vendor application just send an email to hselco@bellsouth.net or give us a call at 334-567-3377.

Admission for each person 13 and older is just \$5. 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, 28 September, still at Ft. Toulouse.