

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 10 Sep '12  
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This weekend is your perfect opportunity if you are looking for a new best friend! This Fri, Sat & Sun, Sep 14, 15 & 16, we will have many of our wonderful adoptable pets and both the Montgomery and Prattville PetSmart's in celebration of the PetSmart Charities® National Adoption Weekend! Our biggest goal during these adoption events is to find lifetime and loving home for our pets so we hope you will look for our staff, volunteers and pets to be at each location on Fri from noon – 4 pm; Sat 11 am – 4 pm and Sun noon – 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](mailto:popecharlie58@yahoo.com).

In only TWO weeks 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, 23 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 Flyball, Agility, Frisbee, Hide-N-Seek, Obedience, Search & Rescue, and more. There will be a microchip clinic from 2 – 4 pm and the \$25 fee completely covers having your pet chipped by a veterinarian and the chip's registration with 24 PetWatch. Everyone will want to spend some time visiting Ron's Kritter Kids (*USDA Licensed*) to learn about raccoons, skunks and more. Does your pooch need their nails trimmed? Dawgon Pretty can take care of a quick dog nail trim for a \$5 donation. Venice Gelato will join us with their yummy Italian Gelato & Lemonade and Sims Cajun Snowball will round out your taste buds with their icy, flavorful treats. There will also be Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sodas and Water for sale if you are hungry and children's games with prizes. Bill Dollar from WLVI will join our fun as will Y102, both doing live broadcasts on site along with JT & LeAnn from River Region TV. Be sure to stop by the big orange Fixit Wagon to learn about the Alabama Animal Alliance's low cost spay/neuter clinic in Montgomery! 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. Once you have learned about a particular breed, it might help you make that final decision about adopting one of our wonderful dogs as we will have many of them at Ft. Toulouse in hopes of finding their new forever homes. There will also be a variety of vendors and there is still time if a vendor wants to jump in; vendor spaces are only \$35 (vendors must also have an Elmore County business license) if you are interested in joining in our fun; just give us a call at 334-567-3377.

Bark in the Park takes a lot of volunteers to be successful so if you would like to help please contact Charline Pope above. 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, 30 September, still at Ft. Toulouse. For more information go to our website at [www.elmorehumane.org](http://www.elmorehumane.org).

**Dog Breed Info - Golden Retrievers** are the quintessential family dog. These are lovable, well-mannered, intelligent dogs that take easily to training and are generally very patient and gentle with children. Golden's enjoy pleasing their masters, so obedience training can be very rewarding. They typically love everyone and have little, if any, guarding instincts though they will announce a stranger's approach. Golden's are multi-talented and excel at hunting, tracking, retrieving, narcotics detection, agility, obedience, performing tricks & they love to swim. While they are a larger dog (55-80 lbs) they can do well in an apartment if sufficiently exercised though having a yard to play in will keep them even happier. Golden's that don't get enough exercise are prone to gaining weight easily, so don't overfeed but do feed them a high quality food to help reduce skin allergies.