

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 11 Sep '17

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Our last big event of the year is now less than a week away so hope to see everyone at our 12th Annual Bark in the Park at Fort Toulouse in Wetumpka on Sunday, 17 September from 1-5 pm (just in case we do have Sun, 24 Sep as a rain date). Our afternoon kicks off with a Police K-9 demonstration by the Millbrook Police and K-9 partner and we are thrilled they can join us for the first time ever.

Throughout the afternoon there will be interactive demonstrations of K-9 Nosework which is something any dog of any age can do. At 2:30 we hope you can join in on the Pup Parade to show off your very best pet friend to a huge crowd of pet lovers.

Need to get your dog microchipped? Then make sure to come to the Microchip Clinic Tent thanks to Tuskegee University Veterinary School from 1:30-3:30 pm. For a cost of \$25, you can get your dog microchipped and that will also include the registration with 24 PetWatch. If you have questions you would like to ask a Veterinarian, there will be Veterinarians and senior students from the Tuskegee Veterinary School on hand - only questions though, there will be no exams, rabies vaccinations or treatments done.

A new and fun event this year will involve using your powers of observation. Have you been out searching for painted rocks in the community lately? Well we are fixing up special shelter painted rocks that will be hidden out at Ft. Toulouse. During Bark in the Park, finders can exchange their rock for a delectable cupcake! Just think scavenger hunt!

Bring your appetite (and some money) as we will have scrumptious hot dogs by Grumpy Dog, yummy Venice Gelato, sodas/water thanks to Buffalo Rock and the always popular bake sale.

Don't miss your chance to have a gorgeous and professional portrait of your pet taken by Diana Bunch, Pet Pawtography as she is coming all the way back from Florida to join our event!

There will be a variety of Children's Games; the famous Mulder Puppet Team; Vendors; Wildlife touch table; Meet the Breed with members of the Montgomery Kennel Club; Rescue Group;— the list goes on!

Want to find out if your pet is an artist? Then come to the Pet Picasso table so your pet can show of his/her talents and paint their own special 'paw' painting.

Our special multi-color Tie-Dye Bark in the Park 2017 T-Shirt will be for sale for \$15 and are on sale at our shelter office now.

Admission to Bark in the Park is \$5/person 13 years old and older.

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.

Parking can be tight, so please be prepared to walk just a bit to get from your parking spot to our activities. You will receive a map of events as you come through the gate.

We can still process last minute Vendor spots and think Bark in the Park is a great place for folks to be able to learn about your business, product or service. We welcome local businesses, clubs, civic groups, etc. Our Vendor fee is a measly \$35 and you must bring your own tables/pop-up/chairs. There is no electricity available so if you must bring a generator please let us know for site planning. To get a Vendor Application please contact us at the shelter at hselco@bellsouth.net or call us at 334-567-3377.

Cross fingers for a cool and sunny day and join us for an afternoon of fun with fellow pet-loving folks and shelter supporters! But just in case - the rain date for Bark in the Park is Sunday, 24 September, 1-5 pm, still at Ft. Toulouse.