

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 17 Sep '12  
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Director

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who came out this weekend to help us find homes for our pups at the area PetSmarts! With your help a dozen of our dogs and pups found new starts on their lives with families to call their own so we chalk that up as a great weekend!

THIS is the week! We hope to have a huge crowd this Sunday, 23 September starting at 1 pm at Ft. Toulouse for BARK IN THE PARK! 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, Disc-Dog, 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? Dawg Gone Pretty Pet Salon can take care of a quick dog nail trim for a \$5 donation. Venice Gelato will join us with their yummy Italian Gelato & Lemonade; Sims Cajun Snowball will have their icy, flavorful treats; and J&C Foods will have Bratwurst, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs to make sure you don't go home hungry. There will be games and prizes for the children so they have lots of fun. Bill Dollar from WLWI 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 and 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 this last week if a vendor wants to jump in; vendor spaces are \$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 at [popecharlie58@yahoo.com](mailto:popecharlie58@yahoo.com). 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 the schedule of events and information go to our website at [www.elmorehumane.org](http://www.elmorehumane.org).

**Dog Breed Info - West Highland White Terriers** are game and hardy little terriers, sometimes cautious with strangers and do well with children. They are lively and extremely self-assured toward other dogs, but will not pick fights if their owner teaches them well. They love companionship and despite their smaller size (10-22 lbs) make very good alarm dogs. Westies can be barky and love to dig like many terriers. They are quite suitable for apartment living as long as they get enough exercise and thrive on daily walks. Their solid white coat does need regular care and grooming though Westies tend to be a low shedding breed.