

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 18 Sep '17

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What a beautiful Sunday for fun at Ft. Toulouse at our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Bark in the Park! Sure it was a bit warm but a few clouds took the edge off and we had a park full of people and dogs just having a great time.

A super K9 Nosework demonstration by Corrine Dreyfus kicked our afternoon off and then many owners and their dogs tried their 'paw' at this fun event that any dog & owner can do!

Numerous Vendors added to our day and we hope that those in attendance appreciate their support to our annual event and perhaps purchased some of their wares. No one went hungry with goodies from Wetumpka's own Grumpy Dog, Venice Gelato, Uncle Bob and the Buffalo Rock Pepsi drink trailer. And let's not forget the delectable baked goodies thanks to so many who baked and donated them to Bark in the Park.

There might be a few painted rocks still in hiding out at the park but most were redeemed for the awesome cupcakes provided by Ashley Grant and Anne-Maries Cakes. Be on the lookout for our rocks around town as we intend to add them to the rock hunting fun. And all of our rocks were painted by our staff and their families - we certainly have some talented folks in our midst!

Sixteen dogs that were microchipped by the Tuskegee Vet crew are now that much safer in the event they ever get lost since their microchip can help any shelter or Vet Clinic reunite that pet with just a couple of phone calls. And our two pups that were adopted were definitely microchipped as are all of our adopted pets – we believe in microchipping!

Reverend Bob Henderson, Trinity Episcopal Church, Wetumpka, was kind enough to conduct a Blessing of the Pets, which was then followed by our very popular Pet Parade – so much fun seeing so many happy pets and owners. Many thanks to AL AdvancED State Director, Dr. Andre' Harrison, for being our most perfect Master of Ceremonies. And additional thanks to our parade contest judges County Commissioner Troy Stubbs, Elmore Mayor Margaret White and Dr. Andre Harrison.

Our Pet Picasso paw painting booth was a repeat big hit thanks to Courtney McGlaughn and who wouldn't want their own unique painting done by their own pet!

The Mulder Puppet Ministry is always a huge hit with children and adults of all ages and we just love that they join us each year. And if you didn't see the white Hedgehog, 'off-colored' corn snake and a few other interesting critters you missed out on the wildlife experience thanks to Marianne Hudson from the AL Department of Conservation.

So many thanks to our staff, Board and Volunteers who help make Bark in the Park such a success. With everyone's help we not only had a great day of fun with fellow pet loving shelter supporters, we raised well over \$7000 for the shelter! That is a win-win all the way around!

Our Shelter Facebook page already has two photo albums chocked full of Bark in the Park photos so you can see all the fun we had on Sunday. If you didn't join us today – you definitely missed out so make sure to mark your calendar for the third Sunday in September (16 Sep '18), for Bark in the Park 2018!