

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 8 Sep '14
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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. The shelter will also be open this Sunday from 1-4 pm. We could use a few more volunteers at the PetSmarts on Sunday so if you have a couple of hours free on Sunday please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Charline Pope at popecharlie58@yahoo.com or call her at 334-202-1381.

Only two weeks until 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!

Everything will kick off at 1:15 pm with a Police K9 demonstration in front of the Pavilion by SGT Spraggins and his K9 partner of the Wetumpka Police Department. You can then check out various dog events such as Agility, Disc Dog & K9 Nose Work and perhaps even let your dog give one of them a whirl. 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 drawn wagon rides (\$1 per person/ride) so you can see even more of Ft. Toulouse. Children can have fun at the children's games just for them and get their own special face tattoo as well! For those who haven't had much exposure to farm animals there will be a variety of farm critters joining us so you can meet and learn more about them. Everyone will want to spend some time visiting Ron's *Kritter 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. J&C 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, as well as a few breed rescues, 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.