

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 10 Dec ‘18

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Executive Director

Many thanks to PETCO and to our Santa – Chris, and Elves – Jennifer, Bobbie, Cecelia, Breanna & Brooke for helping make memories at PETCO on Saturday during the Pet Pics with Santa. Thank you as well to all who braved the nasty weather to come out for some fun photos with Santa!

Back in September the Predator’s Riding Club (PRC) held the 16th annual Cruisin’ fer Critters for our Shelter. We are so blessed to have this incredibly group of pet loving bikers in our corner as they brought us a check yesterday for \$8608.63! Isn’t that simply fantastic! Cruisin’ is a year-round labor of love for the PRC and we are truly indebted to them for working so hard on our behalf for all these years! They are already scheming about Cruisin’ 2019 and we cannot wait to announce the date for year number 17! Simply awesome – thank you to all the PRC members, their families, supporters, sponsors and all who came out to help ensure 2018 was such a success!

As this time of year generally brings an uptick in adoptions, we do want to caution anyone bringing home a new pet to allow them time to adjust. Pets are like humans in that some are happy-go-lucky no matter where they are and view any change as a new adventure, while others are shy and have a harder time dealing with new environments and experiences. In some instances there are pets who have suffered the trauma of neglect or even abuse and those will need time to develop trust in their new home and situation. For these pets it can be a matter of days, a week or even a month or so, but most will end up being wonderful pets if they are simply given the time to adjust and learn to trust that they have a permanent & loving home. Be honest with yourself about your own patience level and that of your family as you cannot force these pets to adapt on your timeline. For those of us who think our pets truly enrich our lives, there is nothing more rewarding than seeing the light ‘turn on’ in a scared pet’s eyes and watch them realize that they are loved and treasured. We think the rewards of adopting a pet in need of a second chance at a loved life is truly worth it for pet and people alike!

This week we received a wonderful call of someone wanting to donate Stocks to our Shelter. We were able to facilitate this very kind offer through our Humane Society of Elmore County Endowment with the Central Alabama Community Foundation. So, if that is something you, or someone you know, is thinking about, we are happy to put you in touch with CACF to facilitate such generosity. We can always be reached via phone at 334-567-3377, email at hselco@bellsouth.net, via our [Shelter Facebook](#) messaging, or even good old hard copy mail to 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092.