

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 17 Dec '18  
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As we all prepare for Christmas, our shelter will be open for adoptions our normal hours this week, Mon-Fri, 10-5 and Sat, 9-4. The Tail's End Thrift Store will also be open Thu, Fri & Sat from 9-3. On Mon, 24 Dec we will be open until noon for pickups of pre-approved adoptions only. We will not do any walk-in adoptions on Monday. The shelter will remain closed 25 & 26 Dec and reopen on Thu, 27 Dec at 10 am for adoptions.

And while we do hope for many great adoptions this week, a pet is a serious commitment in money, time, training, patience and love. That new puppy or kitten will be small and adorable for only a few very short months. Then you will have the fun of a gawky, unruly, wild teenager for another few months before they begin to settle down into adulthood. Some breeds will challenge you with two-three years of boisterous, sometimes maddening behavior and you simply need to be up to that challenge. But the rewards of learning your new pet's personality, integrating them into your family routine, and being given complete and unconditional love are all worth it to those of us who think of our pets as family.

It is perhaps understandable that this time of year our most common question is do we have small puppies and kittens and by that most mean do we have small-breed puppies or really young kittens. Right now we have mostly Labrador mix type pups in the 4-6 month old range and they are equally deserving of loving homes while also being perhaps less fragile than eight-week old puppies. The kittens we have are in the 10-16 week old range and also have 15 plus years of love to give so please don't discount those pups and kittens who are only so slightly older and have been waiting only to see the younger puppies and kittens get adopted before them. And then there are oh so many adults – adult dogs & cats who are just as deserving of new lives as full-fledged members of families.

Please also plan ahead for your pet's safety this Christmas – just like at Thanksgiving watch for too many treats or rich food that might make pet(s) sick. Christmas trees, presents, decorations, lots of food, family, friends & parties make for a very busy time of year so try to take a quick look from your pet's perspective to look for dangers so you won't have to make any emergency Veterinary visits this holiday season.

Our Board and Staff hope that everyone enjoys a bit of downtime and has a peaceful Christmas with family (pets included) and friends. We want to thank so many incredibly generous supporters who have stopped by this month to donate food, supplies, money and more, and are grateful to all who share our love for animals and their welfare. Thank you for your support and we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!