

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 25 Feb '19  
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Sure hope to see a huge, fun & pet loving crowd in downtown Wetumpka this coming Saturday, 2 March at 1 pm for the 2019 Order of Cimarrón Mardi Gras Festival as they also celebrate “Pawdi Gras” where pet owners can dress up their pet in Mardi Gras themed apparel and decorations for the parade. In honor of their first ever “Pawdi Gras”, the Grand Marshall for the parade will be me, Rea Cord, Executive Director for the Humane Society of Elmore County! Isn't that just the most 'pawsome' honor!!!! Pet owners are encouraged to dress up their pet and walk along in the parade & Mardi Gras themed pets will be featured near the front of the parade.

There is no entry fee for the parade but they do need to know who all is joining the fun so if you would like to participate in the "Pawdi Gras parade" please download the Pawdi Gras Entry Form: <http://wetumpkamardigras.com/gallery/2018%20pawdi%20gras%20application.pdf> , fill in the info and then best to scan (or take pics of) and email to [jeffroyal@msn.com](mailto:jeffroyal@msn.com) by this Wed, 27 Feb '19.

The great Crewe of the Order of Cimarron is also taking donations to benefit our shelter if you would like to help. You can see our Shelter Needs List at <http://www.elmorehumane.org/monetary-donations.html> but suffice that cleaning supplies are always at the top of the list – bleach, Fabuloso, dishwashing detergent & laundry detergent. But pet toys, office supplies, puppy and kitten food also great donations.

Please ensure that any pet you bring to the parade is good in public around large crowds, loud noises, humans in costumes, children and other dogs. Your leashed dog also must be current on its rabies vaccine as required by Alabama law. Owners are asked to bring a “pet waste bag” & be responsible for cleanup along the route. And please also make sure your pet is comfortable in its ‘costume’ and does not overheat or get tangled up as we want this to be fun for your pet as well!

Now the actual Order of Cimarrón Mardi Gras FESTIVAL begins at 9 am in Goldstar Park with over 40 Vendors (20 Food Vendors – yum!) and fun for all. The Parade will roll at 1:00 pm RAIN or SHINE. Parade participants will assemble at First Baptist Church, 205 W Bridge St. The Parade will follow W Bridge Street across Bibb Graves Bridge and take a left on E Bridge Street, then turn south or right onto Hill Street, right onto E Commerce and go in front of the Elmore County Courthouse. Then parade will then turn left or south onto S Main Street and end at the Wind Creek Casino employee parking lot.

Our 9th annual ‘Getting Down with the Dawgs’ \$10,000 Drawdown is coming up fast on Friday, 15 March 2019 at the Entertainment Center, Wind Creek Wetumpka, 100 River Oaks Dr, Wetumpka, AL! With the purchase of a \$100 ticket you will have a 1 in 312 opportunity to win \$10,000 (you do NOT have to be present to win the grand prize)! Each ticket holder and guest will get a delicious buffet dinner/beverage, awesome door prizes given out after every 25th ticket drawn (do have to be present to win the door prizes) and cash bars for your convenience. If you have a guest that would like to attend WITH the ticket holder(s), cost for their entry/meal is \$25.

On Friday, 15 March the Wind Creek Entertainment Center doors will open at 6:00 pm, dinner catered by Wind Creek will begin at 6:30 pm and the Drawdown will start at 7:15 pm. Stop by our Shelter Mon-Fri 8-5 & Sat 8-4 to get your ticket(s). If you want to also visit our pets for adoption, please wait until 10 am to get your ticket(s). You can also purchase your ticket(s) over the phone with a credit card but we cannot mail them per Federal Law and will hold them in ‘will call.’ For any questions contact us at 334-567-3377 or email [hselco@bellsouth.net](mailto:hselco@bellsouth.net).