

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 5 Mar ‘18

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The Humane Society of Elmore County is an Open-Admission Animal Shelter taking in pets from throughout Elmore County, AL. Open-Admission means that we take in almost all pets brought to us whether they are friendly, scared, vicious, sick, healthy, old and litter after litter. We took in 36 pets this past Saturday alone! The only exception is that we cannot take in pets that have bitten (or scratched depending on the situation) a human in the preceding ten days in accordance with Alabama Rabies Laws. We also take in small pets of all types but not wildlife as we are not a licensed wildlife rehabilitation center so if and injured/orphaned wildlife does come to the shelter, we get it to an appropriate and licensed rehabilitator. Where livestock are concerned we primarily deal through Animal Control Officers regarding abandoned animals or cruelty cases as we simply do not have the facilities to deal with owner surrendered livestock.

We take many calls about stray & nuisance animals but since we do not have the authority to pick up animals we give callers the appropriate contact info for their supporting Animal Control Officer (ACO). Whether picked up by an ACO or a citizen, all of these animals come to our shelter at 255 Central Plank Road in Wetumpka where we then take over their care and control. We are open for INTAKE Monday – Friday 8-5 and Saturday 8-4. We assist ACO's with cruelty and neglect cases if they need us from the field site all the way through the court case hearings. If we are caring for animals seized under cruelty or neglect charges (or any others that come to us injured or sick) we ensure all necessary veterinary care for the animal's well-being/recovery and document every facet of their intake & recovery for prosecution, to include all of the costs incurred.

If you are in need of animal control assistance for a stray or problem animal, or to report instances of animal neglect or cruelty, it is important that you call the appropriate Animal Control Officer as these are law enforcement matters. If you live within the city limits of any of the towns noted below you must call your city contact. If you are not in the city limits of Wetumpka, Millbrook, Tallassee or Eclectic, then call the Elmore County Sheriff's Dispatch.

Elmore County Sheriff:	334-567-5227
Wetumpka:	334-567-5321
Millbrook:	334-285-6832
Tallassee:	334-283-6586
Eclectic:	334-541-2149
Coosada:	334-567-5227
Elmore Township:	334-567-5227

Now we do take many calls/emails/Facebook posts from people wanting to report a situation but who just don't want to call a law enforcement agency. We will certainly take that information and pass it along while maintaining the anonymity of the person reporting the info. But we must caution that 2nd and 3rd hand reports greatly limit the investigative abilities of law enforcement. So if you have witnessed cruelty, abuse or neglect and can report it directly, it will go a long way to getting faster help for the animal(s) in harm's way.

If you do need to contact our shelter you can call us at 334-567-3377, email us at hselco@bellsouth.net or message on our [Shelter Facebook](#) page.