Humane Society of Elmore County News – 30 Apr '18 Rea Cord Executive Director

Do you know about our Tail's End Thrift Store co-located with our Shelter at 255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka, AL? As a non-profit organization fund-raising is at the top of our priorities so that we can continue our mission to help so many Elmore County animals in need. Our 100% Volunteer run Thrift Store is a vital asset and our single largest fund-raising activity. The store is open for shopping Thu, Fri & Sat's from 9-3 and you might be amazed at what you can find there.

Our store carries donated clothing, furniture, collectibles, art, books, jewelry, appliances, electronics, and so much more. We are incredibly grateful to all who donate items since that is where this all starts and all donations are tax-deductible. Our Volunteers are there to receive donations Thu, Fri & Sat's from 9 - 2:30 and we have personnel who can unload/load heavy items if necessary. Donations need to be brought to us during the above noted days/times as items left outside are subject to theft and the weather. Leaving items outside of our posted receiving hours can constitute unlawful dumping and sadly we come in too often to piles of 'donations' that are NOT saleable and have to be discarded at much effort and cost (garbage service is not free) to the store/shelter. Please note that we CANNOT USE/ACCEPT stained/dirty/dry-rotted clothing, broken appliances/tools/electronics/furniture, the old style heavy televisions, old style large/heavy computer monitors, stained mattresses & obviously soiled or damaged furniture.

Of course, our Thrift Store wouldn't even be open if not for our incredible group of dedicated Volunteers who are there to receive/sort/price/place & sell donated items which is a LOT more work than many may realize. We are indeed blessed with Volunteers who are willing to work so hard so that all of the 'profit' goes to our shelter to help us be there for so many pets in need. These Volunteers are running a first-class Thrift Store operation and if you have not been there to shop, you are truly missing out as there is something for everyone.

These incredible Volunteers need MORE Volunteers however, as spring yard sales and house cleaning brings in more donations which means more sorting/cleaning/pricing/placing. Volunteering in our Thrift Store IS helping animals and you can always come over for a break to visit our pets. Besides volunteering during the store's normal hours of operation there are opportunities on Mon, Tue or Wed with sorting, pricing and placing items so all the new items are ready for sale by Thursday. Please just stop by between 9 am - 3 pm on a Thu, Fri or Sat to check it out and talk to the folks about volunteering. While you are there, please also thank our Volunteers for their endless hard work operating our Thrift Store as all proceeds go to our shelter to ensure we can be there for all the pets that come to us needing our help.

To our shoppers/donors/supporters – you will find super deals and high-quality items at our Thrift Store. Our Volunteers take great effort in cleaning items, making sure clothes are all in good condition & checking that electronics/appliances actually work. Shoppers can feel confident in getting nice items when you come shop with us while also supporting what we think is a great cause! And many thanks to all who do shop at our Tail's End Thrift Store - we greatly appreciate your support! We hope you SHOP & ADOPT!