

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 14 May '18

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On Saturday, 5 May a simply wonderful group of people came together for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual 'Run for the Roses' Kentucky Derby Party at Bon Appetit Catering and Events in Millbrook to enjoy a fun afternoon, all while raising funds to support our shelter. When all the excitement was over and the clean-up finished, this fantastic group of people donated \$5000 to our shelter! This is the most ever and we are incredibly thankful that they love animals like we do and have such faith that we will put their donation to good use to help us save more lives. Bon Appetit was the perfect venue and we want to send our special thanks to the group who pulled this all together and made it such a success. Our heartfelt thanks to Hostesses & Hosts: Brenda & Louie Fryer, Lisa & Casey James, Pat & Mike Jeffries, Fran Davidson, Nicky & Joe Rittner, Kim & Chris Bell, Mitzi & Mark Waldo, Susan & Wayne Allen, Lynn & John Drew, Susan & Ben Robbins, Mary & Larry Head, Linda & Chris Paul, Betsy & Carter Roberts, Karen Bonds, Sheri & Kevin Harrison, Sandy Burnett! Would also like to thank the fine members of the Millbrook Police Department who helped keep traffic flowing on Main Street as everyone arrived and departed. Simply awesome!

And this past Saturday, 12 May, we stayed open until 7 pm for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 'Adoptions Under the Stars.' We had some wonderful adoptions of larger dogs, which is generally our most challenging population, so very happy with those. We want to do a public thank you to our Animal Care Staff, and Courtney Eldridge, as they did all of the decorating throughout our shelter, prepped gift and raffle baskets, prepped, cooked and manned our food stand, had face painting for the children and really pulled together last week to make this a fun day! Thank you as well to our Volunteers Lisa, Cecelia and Jake who helped us all day long with visitors, photography, clean-up, pet care and more.

This coming Saturday, 19 May, besides doing adoptions at our shelter, we will have a few of our pets at the Prattville PetsMart from about 11 am – 3 pm as part of the PetsMart Charities National Adoption weekend. Look for us inside and we hope to come back to the shelter empty handed if our pets all find loving and responsible new homes.

Looking ahead, on Tuesday, 22 May we will be taking many of our pets to the Montgomery Humane Society's Shelter for a joint adoption event from 11 am until 6:30 pm and will be joined by WSFA as they help promote shelter adoptions. Both shelters will have the same slightly reduced pricing for our adoptable pets on that day and we certainly hope for a huge turnout so please share this with anyone you know that may be thinking of adopting a new furry best friend.

This is the time of year when all shelter's intake is rising dramatically so we all need adoptions in a big way. After a spring of no kittens, we now have many beautiful and loving kittens ready for adoption. Our adoptable kittens are from 9-12 weeks old, already vaccinated, spayed/neutered & microchipped for an adoption fee of \$50. Come out to the shelter to visit our kittens, cats, dogs & puppies Mon-Fri 10-5 and Sat 9-4.

And thanks to our dedicated webmaster, Darlene, check out our completely updated website at [www.elmorehumane.org](http://www.elmorehumane.org) ! She is continuing to work on updates and the new design but we think it looks great and are excited about the fresh look! Thanks to our staff, volunteers, board and so many supporters we are always working to improve and think everyone will love our updated website.