

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 21 May '18

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“Kitten season” is in definitely here as we are receiving increasing numbers of orphaned kittens, single kittens, multiple litters of kittens, momma cats with kittens, just kittens and more kittens. And for possibly every kitten surrendered to our shelter there are another three or four more kittens out in the community looking for homes. With literally hundreds of kittens looking for homes each week, the supply of kittens far exceeds the demand. Sadly far too many of these free kittens will ever be spayed or neutered before they start producing litters of their own as early as four months old and the dilemma of too many kittens and not enough homes will continue.

If you are looking to add a cat or kitten to your family, please look to your local shelter. For our \$50 adoption fee, our kittens will have had basic immunizations and de-wormings, are spayed or neutered, microchipped and so much more. We can pretty well say that adopting a kitten from a shelter will be the most economical way to give one a good home and make sure your new cat does not contribute to a very real problem of pet overpopulation. And if you do get one of the hundreds of free kittens, please see to it that it is vaccinated and dewormed by your vet soon after you get it and then spayed or neutered (remember – it takes two to tango, so boys need to be neutered as well) by the time it is six months old. No matter where you get your kitten (or cat or puppy or dog), please take it to a veterinarian soonest so that it can get off to a healthy start. Far too many ‘free’ pets succumb to diseases because they never went to a veterinarian to help them get the protection they need and your veterinarian will help make sure your pet is a happy and healthy member of your family.

This Tuesday, 22 May, [our shelter](#) will be joining forces AT the [Montgomery Humane Society](#) for a joint adoption event from 11 am until 6:30 pm. We will both have the same slightly reduced pricing on our adoptions and [WSFA](#) will be doing their best to bring people in to find their new best friend. We hope for a large turnout of caring and potential pet adopters as we all have many super pets looking for their forever homes.