Humane Society of Elmore County News – 6 May '19 Rea Cord Executive Director

This first full week of May '19 we celebrate "Be Kind to Animals Week!" Did you know that this is the oldest commemorative week in U.S. history, and the nation's longest-running humane education campaign, all thanks to the American Humane Association who initiated it in 1915. AHA's kindness pledge states, "I believe in kindness and compassion for all animals, and that all animals are entitled to humane treatment," and we certainly agree.

<u>American Humane</u> is asking that we all pledge to do four things to better the lives of animals:

- buy humanely raised foods with the $\underline{\text{American Humane Certified}}^{\text{TM}}$ seal to support farm animals
- adopt one of the more than 6 million animals abandoned to animal shelters each year
- watch movies and shows that contain the "No Animals Were Harmed®" end credit supporting the 100,000 animal actors who entertain and educate us in film and television each year
- visit <u>Humane Certified</u>TM zoos, aquariums, and conservation centers caring for the many endangered and disappearing species of the world.

Closer to home we can all do our best to take the best care of our pets physical and mental health; report suspected neglect or abuse to local authorities; teach our children to respect all animals; and just appreciate the natural world all around us. Being kind to animals, and people, is something we should simply all aspire to every single day.

So many thanks to everyone who donated to pet food and supplies to our hardworking volunteers at the Wetumpka Walmart on Saturday! Thanks to so much generosity we received two truckloads full of supplies for our shelter and the animals we care for! And huge thanks to Bobbie Grier, Sandra Croley & Meg Garrett for volunteering their time and effort to man our collection tables, help donors and bring us all of the supplies. Supply Drives truly make a bit difference as the money saved on those supplies can be applied to medical costs for animals in need and shelter improvements.

Bluewater Broadcasting's "Paw it Forward" wrapped up on Saturday and this Tuesday the three area Humane Shelters will meet to divide up all the donations. Look for Facebook photos on Tuesday of all the great donations and please thank Bluewater Broadcasting and the donation site businesses for stepping up to help Shelters as we all face our highest intake months of the year. Hats off to these Montgomery based businesses for taking in donations: Lewis Lawn Equipment Inc, 1135 North Eastern Blvd; Montgomery Subaru, 3000 Eastern Blvd; Montgomery Eye Physicians, 2752 Zelda Rd; Best Friends Pet Resort, 4320 Wetumpka Hwy; Holley's Home Furnishings, 3490 Wetumpka Highway & Acceptance Insurance, 428 Twain Curve.