

Humane Society of Elmore County News - 2 Jul '18
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We want to share a huge shout out of thanks to Elizabeth at Blue Ridge Animal Clinic, and her very special dog, Phoenix, for their fantastic 3rd annual Yappy Barkday (Birthday) Party for Phoenix that resulted in a load of supplies AND right at \$3000 for our shelter! Isn't that simply fantastic! Elizabeth adopted Phoenix from our shelter and Phoenix has a very rare condition that will likely shorten her life, but Elizabeth is making sure that she is living a most loved, happy and cherished life while she is here. Phoenix couldn't have been adopted by a more perfect person and we are humbled not only that Elizabeth and the crew at Blue Ridge Animal Clinic worked so hard, but by so many pet loving clients and friends who donated such an incredible amount of money to help us keep being there for pets in need like Phoenix.

MUY BELLA to the owner & staff of our own local Casa Napoli Restaurant for working so hard on our behalf on 20 June resulting in almost \$600 and a load of supplies raised to help our animals!! The food was delicious and the camaraderie from so many fellow pet lovers and shelter supporters was simply fantastic. Thank you so much to the Casa Napoli family for working so hard to make this happen and to all who came out to support both Casa Napoli and our shelter!

We hope for lots of celebrations this Wednesday in honor of the 4th of July but also need to caution pet owners to be fully prepared to keep your pets safe and secure during all noise and flashes of fireworks. The simplest way to keep your pet(s) safe on the 4th - bring them INSIDE BEFORE any fireworks start and keep them in until well after all the flashes and bangs are finished. They may still be scared and hide in a quiet spot in the house, but at least they will be safe at home. If your pet cannot come in the house, then consider containing it in your garage or shop or barn as long as it isn't so hot to be dangerous to your pet. And make sure any hazardous materials are safely out of reach of your pet no matter where they stay. Once the fireworks are done you should then be able to safely let your pet back outside but it will be safest to wait until the next morning if you have fireworks loving neighbors.

There is no better time than RIGHT NOW to make sure your pet has identification on their collar - rabies tag, personalized ID tag (which we can make in the shelter in a few minutes for \$10), or write your phone number on their collar in indelible ink. Microchips are permanent (collars & tags can come off), so schedule an appointment with your veterinarian to have your pet microchipped as all area shelters scan found pets for chips. And all adopted shelter pets in our area are chipped so there is a good chance a found pet could have a microchip.

If your pet does become lost (or you find a pet), please call us at the shelter at 334-567-3377 as soon as possible so we can take a report (leave message if we are closed). Facebook is also an excellent resource to help lost and found pets so please go to our "[Lost & Found Pets in Elmore County, AL](#)" Facebook page to post pics and info. There are also Lost & Found Pet pages for all the counties and many towns around Elmore County and we advise that you post your missing pet to every area page you can. Perhaps most important is posting a photo of your pet AND post a phone number you can be reached at in the event you are out and not ON Facebook. We cannot stress enough the difference photos make in reuniting pets and their families, so if you don't have any, take them without delay! You can also email information and pics to us at hselco@bellsouth.net as we do print all of those and keep in our Lost & Found files and will check email even on the days we are closed.