

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 17 Sep '18

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It was another simply wonderful day of fun with dogs at Ft. Toulouse for our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Bark in the Park! Another warm September day to be sure but that didn't slow down the huge crowd that turned out with their pets for an afternoon chocked full of activities for pet and human alike!

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So many thanks to Kaye, Christine, Daphne and Shelia for starting our afternoon with a superb K9 Nosework demonstration and then letting visiting dogs give it a whirl the rest of the afternoon.

Reverend Bob Henderson, [Trinity Episcopal Church, Wetumpka](#), conducted a very well attended Blessing of the Pets which shows how important our pets are to all of us.

We had a park full of Vendors and saw lots of activity at everyone's booths. Please thank these wonderful Vendors for coming out to support our annual event: [Venice Gelato](#); [Grumpy Dog](#); [For Healthy Pets](#); [Best Friends Pet Resort](#); [Cotton State Photography](#); [Brandee's Pets](#); [A Wiggle & A Wag Grooming Spa](#); [Pet Stop By Pet Partners](#); [Blue Ridge Kennel](#); [Spoiled Rotten Vinyl Designs](#); [Southern Girl Creations](#); [Vanity Fur Pet Salon & Resort](#); [Montgomery Veterinary Associates](#); [Barkin' Bones Homemade Dog Treats](#); [Lake Dog Realty](#); [Taylor Crossing Animal Hospital](#); [Montgomery Kennel Club](#), Mulder Puppet Ministry.

We had the biggest Pet Parade ever and it was so wonderful seeing so many happy pets and owners. The pet contests for biggest, smallest, pet-owner look-alike and best pet costume were also just too much fun and a great treat for everyone! Many thanks to [AL AdvancED SACS/CASI](#) State Director, Dr. Andre' Harrison, for being a simply outstanding Master of Ceremonies. And additional thanks to our brave contest judge [Elmore County Commissioner](#) Chairman Troy Stubbs for helping make those tough decisions!

Twenty-six dogs that were microchipped by the Tuskegee Vet crew now have an extra layer of protection in the event they ever get lost since their microchip can help any shelter or Vet Clinic reunite them with their owner with just a couple of phone calls.

Again, thanks to Courtney McGlaughn, our Pet Picasso paw painting booth was a repeat big hit and at least 25 dogs went home with their very special paw painting!

We can never thank enough all of our staff, Board and Volunteers who make Bark in the Park such a success. We will get a final dollar tally later this week but know that Bark in the Park 2018 was a rousing success! Please check out our Humane Society of Elmore County Facebook page as there are over 300 photos from today in three separate photo albums and we invite you to please tag friends and enjoy the incredible photos captured by our photographers Lisa, Ashley and Elaine – we appreciate their hard work so that everyone can see the fun had by all!