

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 8 Jul '24
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Summer in Shelters is always challenging. Intake peaks in the summer while adoptions bottom out. Why? Families are focused on vacations, then getting ready for school. Super high intake and low adoptions means a very high 'in-shelter' population - 320 right now.

This also means our food and supply needs are at their greatest right now. While we are good on dry cat food, we need a steady supply of incoming dry and canned dog food, and canned cat food to keep up with the demand. We are just not getting the 'broken' bags from retail like we used to so greatly appreciate all the wonderful people who bring food by or have it shipped to us. The almost daily shipments from Amazon, Chewy & Walmart are fantastic! FYI that the one thing they never include is info on the donor so if any donor needs a receipt, please just contact us at the Shelter and we are happy to send a receipt. You can always see our "NEEDS LIST" on our website at <https://www.elmorehumane.org/hsec-wish-list.html> . Thank you ALL so very much for your incredible support!

For those who are looking to adopt - our adoption fees are \$100 for dogs & \$50 for cats under one-year-old; cats over one-year-old can be adopted by approved adopters for a fee of their choosing. This adoption fee completely covers the mandatory spay or neuter, basic immunizations, de-worming, microchip, heartworm check for dogs, rabies vaccination if old enough, free health exam with your participating veterinarian.

The best way to see the pets we have for adoption is to check out the Adoption websites like www.petfinder.com or www.adoptapet.com - you will be able to see not only our pets but those from other Shelters as well. We work hard to keep our available pets posted so you can see their photos and read their info. We try to put their personality info; important things to know like if a dog is good with children, other dogs or cats; their age & size or expected size if a puppy; activity level; and any special needs they might have. If you see a pet that interests you, our adoption info is also in the narrative and right below that is our online Adoption Application which is the first step in our adoption process. Once we receive and approve an application, we will contact the applicant to set up an appointment for you to come meet the pet in question. As applications come in via email, we respond via email so please make sure to look out for our response from hselco@bellsouth.net . We set up appointments weekdays between 10-4 and Sat 10-3.

We also like playing 'matchmaker' via our Wish List Adoption Application <https://www.elmorehumane.org/wish-list-adoption-application.html> where you can fill out the app telling us what you are looking for. There is no such thing as too much info – tell us any breeds you like or dislike, size range you are willing to consider, age range, preferences to male or female, preferences to coat length, activity level, etc. With that we will contact you if we get in a pet that might be a good fit for what you are looking for and have fulfilled many adoptions this way!

Once your application is approved AND an appointment is set, that pet will not be adopted out from under the applicant as it is on a temporary hold for the approved applicant. We do ask scheduled adopters – please be on time for your appointment and if something comes up, please give us a call at 334-567-3377 or email hselco@bellsouth.net to let us know as we might be able to give your slot to another potential adopter.