



# Humane Society of Elmore County Christmas 2010 Newsletter



Justin 'before' (4-19-10) ^

The outpouring of support for Justin was incredible! He is now healthy, happy and living large in a loving home!

Justin going home (7-3-10) >>>



**Our mission is to insure the best possible quality of life for animals, to prevent cruelty to animals, to stop pet overpopulation, to strive for the humane care, treatment, & well-being of all animals through education & information, and to promote public health and safety in regards to human & animal interaction.**



## *Happy holidays from our shelter family to yours!*

Perhaps the most common thing the staff hears from the public is "I couldn't do what you do." So why do we 'do what we do?' That is actually a very easy answer – just look at the before and after picture of Justin above. For us, that explains it better than any essay. We do what we do because we love animals and want to do all we can to help as many as we can. Yes, there is sadness at times since we take in far more animals than we can find homes for. But for many animals we are the best thing that ever happened to them. So as long as we can be here to help animals like Justin, and Cupid the kitty (below), and Soul the Poodle, and so many more we will continue to 'do what we do' to help animals in need and also help people who are looking for their new forever best friend.



*"Each of us can only do the best we can for as many as we can and that will never be good enough for those of us who care!"*

## Who Likes to Eat???

Like to cook? Collect Recipe Books? Then you will LOVE our newest shelter inspired cookbook: **"More Purr-fectly Good Recipes from Bark Avenue!"**



Only \$10 gets you a cookbook chocked full of yummy recipes and tips and facts about pets as well! Stop by the shelter or our Thrift Store and get your copy now.

*Hint – these make great Christmas gifts!*



Every donation helps me!

Donations of money, cleaning supplies, Thrift Store items, auction items, pet food, office supplies, labor, time, talent & more help us help more animals!

Please know how much we appreciate everyone's support & pup's like Mario say thank you!



Cupid was brought to us with an arrow completely through him. We rushed him to a local veterinarian and this very lucky boy recovered wonderfully and is now a very spoiled boy in a loving home.





## Tail's End Thrift Store

The Tail's End Thrift Store located adjacent to our shelter is THE place to shop! All the money earned in the Thrift Store goes to our shelter to help us continue our mission to help animals in need.

The Thrift Store also showcases the dedication and power of our volunteers who work diligently to sort, price & place every item, and ensure our customers feel welcome and valued.

Donations of just about anything that will sell are also gladly accepted and are tax-deductible.

Come check us out at 255 Central Plank Road in Wetumpka!!!



**New Retaining Wall & Gravel**

*There is something about the presence of a cat... that seems to take the bite out of being alone.*

*~Louis J. Camuti*

The Thrift Store is **OPEN** for shopping  
**Thu, Fri & Sat**  
**9 am - 3 pm**

Please bring donations:  
**Mon, Thu, Fri & Sat**  
**9 am - 3 pm**



## Shelter Improvements in 2010

It has been another busy year at the shelter and while there are always the challenges of more animals coming to us than there are homes, we still have a lot to be thankful for. With the help of many wonderful supporters we have made a lot of improvements to the shelter this year such as:

**Privacy Fence, Benches & a Storage Bldg for Play Yard** - all thanks to Jacob Garnett who did this for his Eagle Scout Project in support of the shelter.

**Retaining Wall Project** thanks to Leadership Elmore County who raised \$4300 via The Fur Ball. Construction by Cecil Malone and Brian Newton.

**Parking Lot 100% graveled** - funding from The Fur Ball & Shelter. Brian Newton Earthworks completed.

**New & different type of Sewage Pump** that finally seems to be working consistently.

**Replaced 3/4's of the kennel gates in back bldg and repaired exterior fencing and gates.** Funded through a \$2500 Meacham Grant (American Humane Association) and shelter funds. Completed by Birmingham Fence Co.

**Painted & Sealed blocks on external kennels between our two buildings** thanks to Mr. Pat Smith & Lucia Penland.



New privacy fence, storage building & benches!  
**Thank you Jacob!**



The 2010 Wags & Whiskers "Bone-A-Fit" Silent Auction was a HUGE success, bringing in almost \$16,000 to help our animals! This is 'before' the crowd hit the tables to start bidding! We greatly appreciate having the Wetumpka Civic Center as a wonderful venue for our auction! Make sure to join us on 29 July 2011 & all items can be previewed ahead of time on our website at [www.elmorehumane.org](http://www.elmorehumane.org) !

## VOLUNTEERING

*As a non-profit organization our lifeblood is our volunteers!*  
Whether in our Thrift Store, in the shelter, helping with off-site adoptions, fund-raising events, selling tickets, fostering pets, taking pictures/videos, taking pets to nursing homes or just spreading the word about adopting a pet and supporting our shelter - WE NEED YOU!

For more info on volunteer opportunities check out our website or contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Charline Pope, at H: 334-514-7088 or C: 334-202-1381 or email her at [popecharlie@russellcorp.com](mailto:popecharlie@russellcorp.com) or [popecharlie58@yahoo.com](mailto:popecharlie58@yahoo.com)



Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole. ~Roger Caras

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### ADOPTION HOURS

Mon – Thu: 10 – 4  
Fri: 10 - 5  
Sat: 9 - 3

### INTAKE HOURS

Mon – Fri: 8-4  
Sat: 8-2



### **SHELTER HOLIDAY HOURS**

24 Dec - close at noon  
25 – 26 Dec - closed  
31 Dec – close at noon  
1 Jan – closed

**Thrift Store may stay open until 3 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> depending on traffic.**



### 2011 Key Events

February 26, 2011 **Getting Down with the “Dawgs” Drawdown** @ Bonnie Crest Country Club, Montgomery

June 11, 2011 **Cruisin ‘fer Critters** @ The Keys, Wetumpka

July 29, 2011 **Wags & Whiskers “Bone-A-Fit” Silent Auction** @ Wetumpka Civic Center, Wetumpka

September 25, 2011 **Bark in the Park** @ Ft. Toulouse, Wetumpka



## **MERRY CHRISTMAS** **From Our Staff**

Rea Cord  
Ellen Fallon  
Kathryn Simpson  
Dawn Sullivan  
Jennifer Crush  
Heather Vert  
Ashley Avant  
Kathryn Bethea

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## **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### **From Our Board**

Lana Hankins  
Bob Harris  
Lucia Penland  
Sandy Faulk  
Patty Kaleta  
Charline Pope  
Kathleen Nall  
Rita Caswell  
Frank Dreyfus  
Jeanne Osborne  
Bonnie Jones

*I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive. ~Gilda Radner*

*Donations of Food & Supplies & Items for our Thrift Store are also most appreciated. Shelter items we are most in need of:*

**Dry Dog Food, Bleach, Fabuloso Detergent, Liquid Dishwashing Soap  
Cat Litter (non-clumping),  
Old Towels/Blankets, Paper Towels,  
Toilet Paper, Dog/Cat Toys,  
45 Gal and 13 Gal Garbage Bags**

**Become an HSEC Member!**

**Join our shelter family!**

*Family Membership* is only \$35/year

*Individual Membership* is only \$20/ year

For more info & our member forms go to:

<http://www.elmorehumane.org/newmemberletter.htm>

**WE NEED YOUR HELP & SUPPORT**

*As 2010 draws to a close we can still use your help. We welcome financial and item donations and ALL donations to our shelter are tax deductible!*

*No donation is too small!*

Please make checks payable to: **HSEC**  
Mail to: Humane Society of Elmore County  
255 Central Plank Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092

*So that we can send you a receipt for your donation, please fill out the info below and send with your donation:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

You can also make donations via PayPal through our website at [www.elmorehumane.org](http://www.elmorehumane.org) or we can take MC or VISA donations over the phone – just call 334-567-3377.

**THANK YOU & BEST WISHES FOR A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**



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