

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 17 Dec '07
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Adoptions continue to bring us much joy at the shelter as Bella, the Giant Schnauzer/Labrador and Ruthie, the Beagle mom who have both been with us a very long time found their families on last week. These were just two of about twenty other lucky pets making December a month truly full of blessings.

Our Santa and pet photos at the Prattville PETsMART wrapped up with a bang thanks to another great group of volunteers rallying to help Ellen, our Animal Care Manager, on both Saturday and Sunday. Many thanks to Santa's Tim Pope, Max Jones, Phillip Dobbins, Steve Carter, Bud Ayers & Sam Lockridge and Santa's helpers and photographers Debbie & Toni Jo Beasley, Cathie Henry, Sandra Thompson, LuAnn Dawkins, Erica Shipman, Shirley Rawls, Patricia Campbell, Roland & Christine Rhodes Faith Cooper, Caitlin Saunders, Carrie Waddle, Angie Melton & Shaeron Milton. With their help well over 75 pets had their pictures taken which also brought our shelter additional money since PETsMART donates a portion of these photo earnings to help our animals. Thanks PETsMART and everyone who participated!

We have a couple of belated thank you's – one to the Atlanta Highway Wal-Mart for giving our shelter a \$500 donation a couple of weeks ago and another to the Maxwell Air Force Base Officers' and Spouses' Club who donated \$250 to our efforts to help animals in need. And last week the great students from Ms. Tracy's Science Club at the Eclectic Middle School donated \$300 from their holiday fund raising drive and we couldn't be more thankful to all of these groups for thinking of us like this.

As the weather is turning and perhaps keeping many of us more indoors, we want to encourage pet lovers out there to go to www.zootoo.com and log-in to help raise points for our shelter. If we can get to 25,000 points by March we can go into a drawing for a possible million-dollar makeover of our shelter! We can only dream of something this big for our animals! You don't have to buy anything, just go to the website, register, pick our shelter and then do things like upload pictures of your own pets, review pet products, write comments on pet places, etc. Nineteen other shelters will win up to \$5000 so we would love to be in that bunch if we aren't the big winner! You and your friends can even compete to see who can get the most points!

Christmas is right around the corner and we often warn people that giving pets as gifts is often not the best idea. If you have a family member or friend wanting a pet, perhaps consider a gift certificate from the shelter so they can come at a later time to find that perfect pet for them. That allows the person to make sure the pet is the right one for them and vice versa. And giving pet beds, treats, toys, food, books ahead can also be a great way to get a child excited about coming to the shelter later to find their own new friend!

While we love all of our pet adoptions prior to Christmas, please plan ahead as our shelter will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, 24 & 25 December.

Our staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and please don't forget to include your pets in the family gathering over the holidays.