

As this newsletter will hit the presses after Christmas, we hope everyone had a wonderful and family filled holiday. We want to pass our immense thank you's to everyone who really showed their Christmas spirit by donating money, supplies, food, etc to our shelter. There are far too many people to acknowledge in this newsletter, but we want you to know that your support means the world to us and to our animals. Without the help of so many caring people we would not be able to help all the animals that come to us, so please know that each and every contribution truly makes a positive difference in the life of an animal in our care each and every day.

Since New Year is right around the corner please prepare for keeping your pets safe during the New Year and especially New Year's Eve. Most pets do NOT deal with fireworks and such very well. Starting Jan 2nd our phone usually rings off the hook with lost dog & cat reports and those animals generally disappeared on New Year's Eve. Fireworks with their noise and bright lights can scare a dog or cat so much that they just run as far as they can to get away. How to prevent this? Simple – just take your pet inside your house, garage, barn or other safe place on New Year's Eve or anytime you or your neighbor's are having fun with fireworks. Most pets will want to go to the darkest or most sound proof room in the house while fireworks are ongoing. And if you just don't intend to do this for your pet then please, please, please ensure they have good identification on their collar so they can be reunited with you when found by someone or when brought to a shelter.

And for anyone looking for that end of year tax benefit for perhaps an estate or for future planning, don't forget that we now have an Endowment Fund for our shelter. This is a reserved fund meaning the money can only be used by us and it is under the management of the Central Alabama Community Foundation (CACF)! This endowment will build over years to provide a consistent source of funding for the shelter. To find out more on how to invest in our Endowment Fund please contact Carol Butler, Executive Director, CACF at 334-264-6223 or go to www.cacfinfo.org/eccf.shtml for more information.

“Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.” ~Oprah Winfrey