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Promoting Education in Animal Welfare



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BATS

THERAPY PETS



Bat Appreciation Day April 17

FUN FACTS ABOUT BATS

- There are more than 1,300 bat species!
- Bats are found almost everywhere on Earth!
- Some species weigh less than a penny, while others have a wingspan up to 1.8 meters!
- Bats sleep upside-down.
- Most bats use sound to 'see' the world.
- When in flight, bats' hearts can beat 1,000 times a minute!
- Bats are pollinators, just like bees and butterflies, for hundreds of plants, including fruits like bananas, avocados, and mangos!
- Bats eat millions of insects every night.
- Some bat species can eat up to 1,200 mosquitoes an hour during their nightly hunts.



APRIL Animal Holidays

National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week - April 9-15 (send a note to TriCity Animal Shelter)
 National Farm Animals Day - April 10
 National Pet Day - April 11
 National Dolphin Day - April 14
Bat Appreciation Day - April 17
 National Help a Horse Day - April 26
 Marine Mammal Rescue Day - April 27
 Save the Frogs Day - April 29, 2023
 National Animal Advocacy Day - April 30
 National Therapy Animal Day - April 30



National Therapy Pets Day April 30

- Florence Nightingale is often credited for first using animals in a therapeutic setting in 1869, but others report that a group in England used rabbits and chickens to help people in 1792.
- In the early 19th century, groups were also beginning to train dogs to assist blind people in navigating their world.
- Pet therapy enables people to interact with companion animals which has proven health benefits. Studies show these interactions can have positive effects on both emotional and physical well-being.
- OHS's therapy animal teams can visit senior care facilities, schools, libraries, colleges/universities, hospitals, clinics, counseling/therapy sessions, crisis response sites, airports and more!
- OHS Pet Therapy program dogs currently visit monthly at Fremont's Main & Centerville Libraries! Read-to-a-Dog is a popular program that provides a supportive environment for children who are unsure about reading aloud. It also offers families a friendly place to be introduced to dogs.

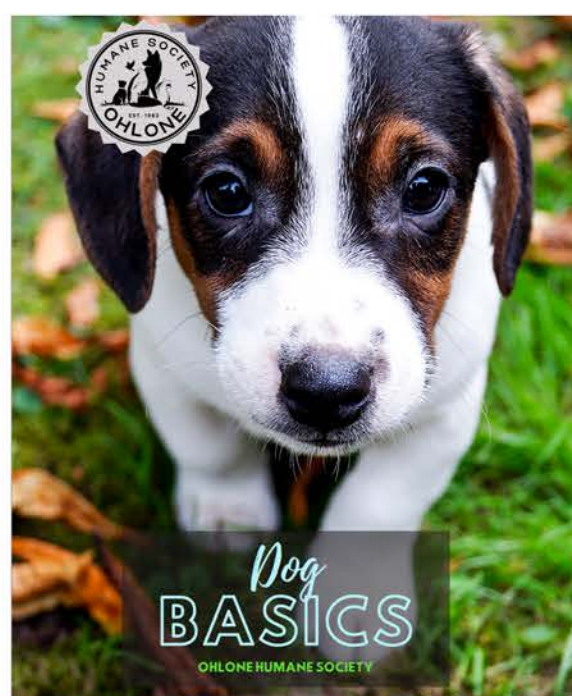


AWARENESS FUN FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Practice How to Greet a Dog

IF YOU MEET A DOG ...

Ask an adult if you can pet the dog.
 Next ask the dog's walker or owner if you can pet the dog.
 Let the dog come to you and it may want to sniff you.
 If you are allowed to pet the dog, do not stare at the dog, get your face near the dog's face, pat its head or eyes, or make loud or sudden movements.
 If you are outside and a dog off leash runs at you, FREEZE, keep your hands down by your sides and stay quiet and calm until it goes away.



LEAVE THE DOG ALONE WHEN ...

No adult is present.
 The dog walks or runs away from you
 The dog is in its bed, crate or clearly does not want to play
 The dog is eating or sleeping
 The dog is playing with a toy or bone or eating.
 The dog has puppies with her.

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