

## Pets Take Center Stage in New York This Week

**Cats, dogs and other animals will get special attention throughout the state.**

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New York Gov. David Paterson has proclaimed Oct. 10-18 as the first New York Week for the Animals. The event is designed to highlight the importance of animals in people's lives. Among the groups joining in the effort are the Mayor's Alliance for New York City's Animals, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and Animal Care and Control (AC&C).

Throughout the week, shelters, rescue groups and humane organizations across the state will host animal-related events, including adoption fairs, low-cost spay/neuter clinics and shelter awareness days. More than 125 events are planned state-wide.

In New York City, those looking to add a furry new member to their household can meet cats and dogs available for adoption from the ASPCA and AC&C. Adoption fees will apply, but AC&C will offer free adoptions of cats older than 1 year and the ASPCA will reduce adoption fees.