

Celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week

The American Humane Association invites pet lovers to get involved and make a difference for animals May 6 to 12.

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Pet lovers of all ages can participate in Be Kind to Animals Week, May 6-12. Animal shelters across the country will celebrate the special bond between humans and animals May 6 to 12 as part of the American Humane Association's (AHA) Be Kind to Animals Week. Since 1915, AHA has sponsored the week-long event to promote animal welfare organizations and highlight people and children who have improved the lives of cats, dogs and other animals.

Animal shelters have planned special events to commemorate Be Kind to Animals Week. At the Humane Society of Utah (HSU), all cats 5 months and older will be available for adoption for a \$25 fee. All cats are already spayed or neutered and have their first immunizations. The humane society will adopt cats at this fee for the entire month of May. For more information, visit the HSU's website.

The Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) has partnered with local businesses to promote Be Kind to Animals Week. Among other events throughout the week, the Chester Animal Clinic will hold a silent auction to benefit the Richmond SPCA. As part of the celebration, a local photographer will schedule "Pets of the Caribbean" photo sessions at the clinic. For more information, visit the Richmond SPCA's website.

Want more ideas on how to help animals? The AHA offers these suggestions for pet lovers to celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week:

Put up a bird feeder in your yard to show appreciation for local wildlife.

Teach your children about the importance of being kind to animals.

Volunteer your time or talents at your local animal shelter. You can also donate needed items such as pet food or old blankets.

Adopt a pet from an animal shelter, rescue organization or breed placement group.

For more information about Be Kind to Animals Week, visit the AHA's website.