

# SPCA OF TEXAS

## SEASONAL, ANIMAL-RELATED TOPICS OF INTEREST

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### January

- New Year's Resolutions for pets
- Cold weather safety for pets

### February

- National Spay Day emphasizing the importance of spaying and neutering pets
- Love Your Pet Day emphasizing the importance of loving your pets
- Chocolate safety for Valentine's Day
- Pet Dental Health Month, reminding pet owners about the importance of their pet's dental care

### March

- National Animal Poison Prevention Week is the third full week in March
- Heartworm Prevention Month – Heartworms can be deadly, prevention is the key
- K-9 Veterans Day is mid-March
- National Puppy Day is mid-March

### April

- National Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month
- National Pet First-Aid Awareness Month
- Chocolate safety for Easter

### May

- "Be Kind to Animals Week" is the first week in May
- National Dog Bite Prevention Week is also in May. The SPCA of Texas offers tips for bite prevention.

## June

- June is national "Adopt a Shelter Cat Month" – remember that shelter cats make purr-fect pets
- Summer and heat safety – never leave a pet unattended in a car, not even for a short time
- *Keep your pet indoors during July 4 fireworks celebrations*

## August

- National "Homeless Animals Day" – adopt a homeless pet
- Back to school safety – make sure your pet is properly identified and consider microchipping

## September

- National Dog Week is the last full week of September
- National Pet Memorial Day is the second Sunday of September
- Puppy Mill Awareness Day is the third Saturday in September
- Responsible Dog Ownership Day is the third Saturday in September

## October

- October is "Adopt a Shelter Dog Month" – shelter dogs make wonderful, tail-wagging pets
- "St. Francis of Assisi Day" – celebrating and blessing animals, is the first Thursday in October
- Halloween safety

## November

- "National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week" is the first week of November
- Thanksgiving safety – table scraps can wreak havoc on a pet's stomach, and bones can be fatal

## December

- Holiday safety
- Help shelter pets find a Home for the Holidays

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