

## Celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week

**American Humane Association invites pet lovers to celebrate the unique bond between humans and animals.**

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Since 1915, the American Humane Association has set aside a week each year to highlight the relationships owners share with their pets and encourage people to show kindness and compassion to all types of animals. This year, Be Kind to Animals Week will take place May 4 to 10, 2008.

The week-long celebration will culminate with the announcement of the winner of the Be Kind to Animals Kid Contest, in which children will be recognized for their efforts to make the world a better place for animals.

American Humane invites the public to be kind to animals this week, too, and shares these ways to show compassion:

- 1) Report animal abuse. Violence against animals may also indicate other violent behavior, such as domestic abuse.
- 2) Speak out for animals. Learn about local animal welfare polices and pending legislation that involves animals.
- 3) Show kindness at home. Children look to adults for examples of behavior, so treat animals kindly at home.
- 4) Adopt a pet from a shelter or rescue. Save a cat or dog from euthanasia by giving it a good home.
- 5) Have your pets spayed or neutered. This surgery can help prevent animal overpopulation.
- 6) Donate your time or money to a local animal shelter.
- 7) Make sure your pet has proper identification. Your chances of being reunited with a lost pet increase if the animal has a collar and ID tag and/or microchip identification.

For more information about Be Kind to Animals Week and to see Kid Contest winners, visit the American Humane website.