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## BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK

*Seattle Humane Society Celebrates the Pets in Our Lives!*

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**BELLEVUE, WA** – May 4-10 is national Be Kind to Animals Week. This week highlights the importance of teaching and modeling kindness to animals, which will go a long way to create a kinder and gentler world.

Community members are invited to join in the celebration by:

- ◆ **Spaying or neutering** their pet and talking with their children about how this helps prevent more orphaned animals.
- ◆ **Visiting a shelter** and asking how they can help the animals.
- ◆ **Speaking out for animals** by reporting animal abuse and talking to others about the importance of microchipping and spaying/neutering pets.
- ◆ **Adding more love to their life** by adopting from a shelter.

Be Kind to Animals Week is particularly important for children because children who are kind to animals are more likely to grow up to be kind to others in their life. That is why Seattle Humane Society's education director is on call for King County teachers who are dealing with children who need help related to treating animals with kindness.

"The research tells us that compassion is learned," says Director of Humane Education, Kate Reedy. "The Seattle Humane Society's outreach programs are designed to use the natural affinity between children and animals to provide the experience of empathy for another living thing; helping children on their way to becoming compassionate adults."

*The Seattle Humane Society was founded in 1897 to bring people and pets together. The Seattle Humane Society does this today through its low-fee spay/neuter surgery program, pet workshops and training, pet food bank, humane teen club, visiting pets program and more. The Seattle Humane Society is located in Bellevue, at 13212 SE Eastgate Way. For directions and more information, visit [www.seattlehumane.org](http://www.seattlehumane.org) or call (425) 641-0080.*

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