



APRIL IS NATIONAL PREVENTION OF ANIMAL CRUELTY MONTH

Seattle Humane Society offers tips to teach children kindness toward animals

April is National Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month! Don't miss this opportunity to teach the children in your life about sharing the earth with other living beings.

"Children who learn to be gentle with animals are more likely to become caring and responsible adults," says Brenda Barnette, Chief Executive Officer for the [Seattle Humane Society](http://seattlehumane.org). "Teaching children empathy for others helps reduce incidences of animal cruelty and paves the way to a brighter future for us all."

Tips for Teaching Kindness to Animals to Children:

- Involve your child in caring for your pet. Having her learn about an animal's needs can have a powerful impact.
- Spring is the perfect time to place a bird feeder in your yard. Watching the birds will help teach your child to appreciate and respect nature.
- Take your child to visit your local animal shelter. At the Seattle Humane Society, he can brush and play with our adoptable cats and learn about sheltering animals.
- Volunteer to provide temporary [foster care](#) for a litter of kittens, a cat, a litter of puppies or a dog and let your child help.
- If you see a child stomping bugs or throwing pebbles at birds, have him stop and explain that we need to share our earth with all the animals-even bugs. Some bugs are quite helpful, such as bees that make honey and earth worms that till the soil!
- Call the Seattle Humane Society and arrange to have our [MaxMobile](#) visit your child's school.
- Enroll your child in Seattle Humane Society's [Animal Adventures Day Camp](#) this summer.

Visit us online at seattlehumane.org or in person at 13212 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue, WA 98005 to learn more.

Seattle Humane Society has been awarded the coveted 4-star rating by Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. Founded in 1897 to bring people and pets together, Seattle Humane Society provides incredible companion animals for adoption 7 days a week, pet workshops and training, a pet food bank, a low-fee spay/neuter surgery program, humane teen club, a visiting pets program and more. Seattle Humane Society is located in Bellevue, at 13212 SE Eastgate Way. For directions and more information, visit seattlehumane.org or call (425) 641-0080.

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