

THE MONTHLY GAZETTE

*"October is a symphony
of permanence and change."*

~ Bonaro W. Overstreet



Animal of the Month – Bombay Cat

Bombay cats are a popular pet. These spunky, affectionate, friendly felines create exceptionally strong bonds with their human families. They love cuddling and are often found on warm laps. If they can't soak up body heat from a human companion, they seek the next warmest spots in the home, such as by a heater or sunny window. Known as "parlor panthers," these sleek black cats were first bred in the 1950s to look like miniature black leopards, complete with shiny coats, glowing eyes, and a curvy, swaying walk. They are a



cross between a sable Burmese and a black American shorthair. In addition to their deep black fur, most have black whiskers, skin, noses, and paw pads. Bombay cats have compact, muscular bodies that are heavier to pick up than they look. These beautiful creatures are a very loyal and intelligent breed that enjoys a lot of activity and stimulation.

Special Days

International Music Day
October 1

Apple Betty Day
October 5

Hero Day
October 8

**Columbus Day /
Indigenous Peoples' Day
(U.S.) & Canadian
Thanksgiving**
October 12

Sweetest Day
October 17

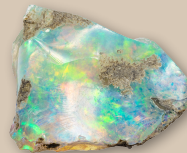
Halloween
October 31

Flower – Calendula



The calendula is a fall-blooming annual that produces a yellow to deep-orange flower with edible petals. Also known as the "pot marigold," the flower gets its name from the Latin *calendae*, meaning "first day of the month." Ancient Greeks and Romans wore crowns and garlands of calendula, and they have long been sacred in India, where they are used to decorate statues of Hindu deities. The lovely calendula symbolizes happiness.

Birthstone – Opal



The opal, October's birthstone, gets its name from the Latin word *opalus*, which means "precious stone." Opals are very soft and easily altered by heat and pressure. They are formed in near-surface volcanic rocks and come in a range of colors and gleaming hues. Although the principal source of opals is Australia, they can also be found in Mexico, Brazil, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Japan, and Ireland. In the United States, beautiful, prized black opals are often found in Nevada.

Dressing Up: Decade by Decade

Wearing costumes for Halloween or All Hallows' Eve has been popular for centuries. The original purpose of wearing costumes was to ward off evil spirits. Today, it's more about candy and fun. Let's review the most popular outfits through the decades.

1920s: Clowns

The Pierrot clown was all the rage in the 1920s. Simple witch, farmer, and gypsy costumes were also popular.

1930s: Disney

Mass-produced costumes and rubber masks hit the market, with Mickey and Minnie Mouse ruling Halloween in the 1930s.

1940s: Brooms & Black Hats

Witches, spooky ghosts, and black cats bewitched trick-or-treaters in the 1940s.

1950s: Aloha Buckaroo

Hawaiian apparel (grass skirts, leis, and floral shirts) and dressing up like cowboys were popular trends in the 1950s. Davy Crockett and Tarzan were also common.

1960s: Superheroes

Kids and adults channeled their favorite superheroes, such as Superman, Batman, Catwoman, Spiderman, and Batgirl. Dennis the Menace was also a hit.



October-licious

Forget the candy on Halloween—October is a full month for foodies! Not only is it the time of brats and sauerkraut galore, but October is also the official month of pork, pizza, sausage, and popcorn.

October Zodiacs

Libra (The Scales)
October 1–22

Scorpio (The Scorpion)
October 23–31

October is the tenth month of the year on the Gregorian calendar and one of seven months with 31 days. October's name, containing the Latin word *octo*, refers to its ancient place as the eighth month in the Roman calendar, before January and February were added to fill out the winter period. October is usually considered the height of autumn; the Slavic people call it "yellow month," referring to the fading colors of the leaves.

October's Winter Moon

In the Old English or Anglo-Saxon calendar, the year was split into two seasons rather than four. They simply divided the year between the months with days that were longer than the nights (summer) and those with less daylight (winter). In this tradition, October was designated the first month of winter and was called *Winterfylleth*, or "fullness of winter," as it also had the first winter full moon.

What's Lucky in October?

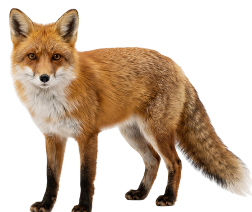
Lucky Color: Tangerine

Lucky Animal: Fox

Lucky Letters: *W* and *E*

Lucky Day: Thursday

Lucky Plant: Pumpkin



October Birthdays

Jimmy Carter (president) – October 1, 1924
 Susan Sarandon (actress) – October 4, 1946
 Elizabeth Shue (actress) – October 6, 1963
 Simon Cowell (TV producer) – October 7, 1959
 John Lennon (singer) – October 9, 1940
 Marie Osmond (entertainer) – October 13, 1959
 Richard Carpenter (musician) – October 15, 1946
 Angela Lansbury (actress) – October 16, 1925
 Evel Knievel (daredevil) – October 17, 1938
 Olive Thomas (silent film star) – October 20, 1894
 Deepak Chopra (author) – October 22, 1946
 Michael Crichton (author) – October 23, 1942
 Sylvia Plath (writer) – October 27, 1932
 Jane Pauley (journalist) – October 31, 1950