

# ANIMAL HOLIDAYS AT A GLANCE

## JUNE

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### **June 1 – International Dinosaur Day**

This day was created for everyone - young and old to relive all the stories of dinosaurs growing up. This is a perfect day to learn more about them. Dinosaurs lived millions of years ago and we are still finding their bones and learning new things.

### **June 4 – National Hug Your Cat Day**

This is a day to show your appreciation and love to your feline friends by giving them a hug. It is important to make sure your cat is good with hugs otherwise you may get scratched.



### **June 4 – International Corgi Day**

This day was created by the Omaha Corgi Crew in 2011 to bring attention to the breed, and to help them get adopted. Corgis are often used as herding dogs because of their short stature and quick agility. There are two breeds of Corgi – the Pembroke Welsh and the Cardigan Welsh.

### **June 4 – National Black Bear Day**

This day was created in 2018 to raise awareness and eliminate the myths about the black bear. The black bear is the smallest and most common bear in North America.





### June 5 – World Day Against Speciesism

This day was created in 2008 to remind people about the discrimination of animals based on species. Speciesism refers to the different rights and values given to different animals based on their species.

### June 5 – World Environment Day

This day was created in 1974 by the United Nations General Assembly and was first held in Stockholm. This year's theme is "Only One Earth - Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature."



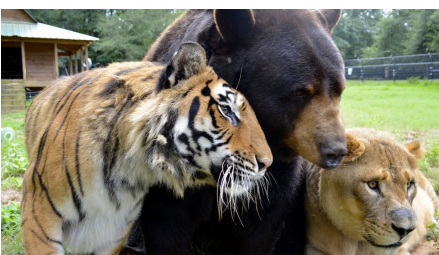
### June 5 – National Animal Rights Day (NARD)

This day was established in 2011 by the non-profit "Our Planet. Theirs Too." This day was created to raise awareness for animal rights and to give a voice to all animals. This day also commemorates the billions of animals that die each year and to educate the public about cruelty-free alternatives.

### June 5 - June 11 – Pet Appreciation Week (PAW)

This week was created in 1981 by the American Veterinary Medical Association. This week creates awareness of how important pets are to us and to appreciate them by spoiling them rotten.

### NATIONAL PET APPRECIATION WEEK



### June 8 – National Best Friends Day

Best friends are important! We make look different but the bond that keeps us connected is real. Take this day to celebrate your best friends!

### June 8 – World's Oceans Day

This day was created by the United Nations General Assembly in 2009. This day raises awareness on how the world depends on the ocean and ways to help protect it for future generations. This year's theme is "Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean".



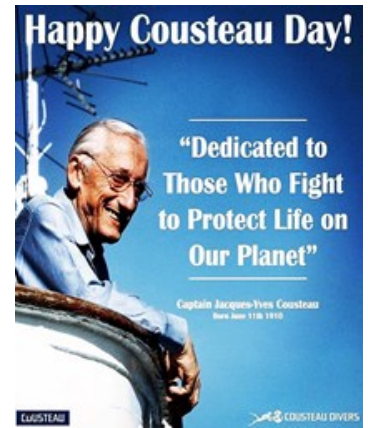


### June 8 – International Day of Action for Elephants in Zoos

This day was created by In Defense of Animals (IDA) in 2009 to raise awareness about the plight of elephants in zoos and to end their suffering by sending them to accredited sanctuaries.

### June 11 – Cousteau Day

This day was created by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) in 2010. Cousteau was an underwater explorer famous for his contributions to marine science and conservation.



### June 12 - June 18 – Animal Rights Awareness Week

This week was founded in 1991 by In Defense of Animals (IDA) to promote education about animal welfare goals to protect animals and their habitats. This week focuses on the humane treatment of animals which includes pets, farm animals, testing/research animals, and wildlife.

### June 14 – World Pet Memorial Day

This day is to remember your wonderful pet companions that have passed. Pets are family members and when they pass it is often difficult. A state of mourning may last months. Ways to honor your beloved pet include creating a memorial stone, planting a tree in their honor, or creating a photo album.



### June 15 – National Lobster Day

This day was created by Maine Senators in 2014 to celebrate and honor lobsters. This day is so popular there are two days to celebrate. There are 15 different types of lobsters and they can have a life span of 60+ years if they don't get caught. Celebrate them by not eating them.





### June 15 – Nature Photography Day

This day was created by the North American Nature Photography Association in 2006 to encourage people to learn and capture the wonder of nature through pictures.

### June 16 – World Sea Turtle Day

This day was created to raise awareness of the importance and conservation of sea turtles. This date was chosen to honor Dr. Archie Carr, the founder of the Sea Turtle Conservancy and father of “sea turtle biology.” There are seven species of sea turtles, six of which are classified as threatened or endangered.



### June 19 – Father's Day

Fathers come in all shapes and sizes. And some fathers even stay home and take care of the babies.

### June 19 – National Pets in Film Day

Fun fact: Movies with animals are always better. This day is to celebrate all the animal actors who grace the screens. Best way to celebrate is watching your favorite movie about animals.



NATIONAL PETS IN FILM DAY



### June 20 – National Take your Cat to Work Day

Nobody really knows who started this day. But just like Take Your Dog to Work Day; it helps promote adoptions from shelters because they are so cute and cuddly. But remember if you plan to participate you need to get permission from your boss and work place – then enjoy!

### June 20 – American Eagle Day

American or “bald” eagles have been known as our beloved patriotic bird since 1782. The bald eagle is thankfully no longer considered endangered or threatened. This day is to spread awareness of their importance and ways to maintain their ability to thrive.





### June 20 – Ugliest Dog Day

Is there really such a thing called an ugly dog? I don't think so – I just see dogs that need love!

### June 20 - June 26 – National Pollinator Week

This day was created in 2017 by the “Pollinator Partnership” to help support pollinator health. Pollinators include birds, bats, butterflies, beetles, moths, and mostly bees who help pollinate plants. Pollination occurs when they visit flowers to drink nectar and feed off pollen and go from plant to plant.



### June 21 – National Dog Party Day

This day was created by Pet Health & Safety Coach Arden Moore in 2011. She believed in the power of play for dogs. This is a day to celebrate with your pup and possibly with their friends. Enjoy some exercise and good old-fashioned fun whether you party inside or outside.

### June 21 – World Giraffe Day

The Giraffe Conservation Foundation created this day to honor and spread awareness of the giraffe's strife. The theme this year is “Bringing Giraffe Back to Mozambique!”

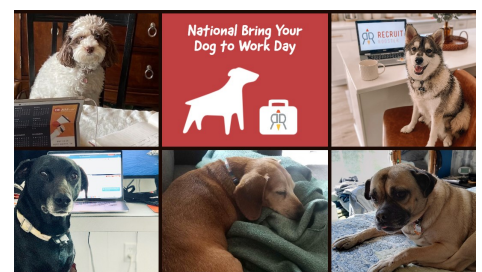


### June 22 – World Rainforest Day

This day was created by the Rainforest Partnership in 2017. This day raises awareness about the problems of deforestation with the goal of helping to preserve and restore the rainforest. About 50% of the world’s plants and animals live in the rainforests.

### June 24 – Take Your Dog to Work Day

This day was created by Pet Sitters International (PSI) in 1999 to celebrate dogs and to help promote their adoptions. If planning to participate, you need to clear it with your boss and coworkers. Remember to puppy proof your office.





### June 24 – Cat World Domination Day

This day was created in 2012 for “Sparkle the Designer Cat” for their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday by her human mom. Sparkles was always dominating everyone. We all know that cats are always secretly plotting.

### June 25 – National Catfish Day

This holiday was designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1987 to celebrate them. There are over 3,000 cat fish species ranging in length from 4 centimeters to 15 feet. They have no scales, but they have whiskers around the mouth called barbels which makes them look like a cat.



### June 29 – World Day against the Abandonment of Domestic Animals

This day was created in 2018 by the French groups 'Solidarité Refuges' and 'Animaux Online' to raise awareness about pet abandonment in France and worldwide, especially during the hot summer months during vacations.



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