

A photograph of a man dressed as Santa Claus, wearing a red suit with white trim and a white beard. He is holding a golden retriever puppy in his arms. The puppy is wearing a grey sweater and a black harness with gold bells. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting with warm lighting.

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NEWS

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Photos With Santa Paw

On November 19, 2022 SAC hosted a Photos With Santa Paws event where our clients and community members brought their pets and families in for professional photos with Santa. Our clients and their furry friends had an amazing time, and all proceeds went to benefit Sierra's Haven. We think these good boys and girls will get everything on their wish list this year!



Photos With Santa Paws

Fundraising for Sierra's Haven



Travel Safety

PROVIDING SAFE TRAVELS FOR YOUR PETS

For some pet parents, a trip is no fun if the four-legged members of the family can't come along. But traveling can be highly stressful, both for you and your pets. If you're planning to take a trip with pets in tow, we have some tips to help ensure a safe and comfortable journey for everyone.

Remember, no matter where you're headed or how you plan to get there, make sure your pet is microchipped for identification and wears a collar and tag imprinted with your name, phone number and any relevant contact information. It's a good idea for your pet's collar to also include a temporary travel tag with your cell phone and destination phone number for the duration of your trip.

If you are traveling by car:

- All cats should be in a crate or carrier.
- Dogs can be either in crate or carrier, or restrained in a special harness that attaches to the seat belt. If you use a pet barrier in the back seat or deck of your SUV, be sure it is sturdy and firmly attached so it does not collapse on your pet.
- Never allow your pet to ride in the front passenger seat (especially one that is airbag equipped).
- Never let your pet out of the car without proper restraint.
- Don't allow your pet to ride with their head out the window; they could get hurt by flying debris.
- Never leave your pet alone in a parked car. He or she will be vulnerable to heat stroke or theft.



- If you are traveling out of town, stop regularly so that your pet can stretch his legs and have a drink of water.

If you are traveling by air:

- Know that last minute air travel with pets is not always possible, and each airline and destination may have its own regulations, including for vaccinations and quarantine.
- If your pet is small, you may be able to carry him or her onboard with you (in a crate—check airline rules).
- If your pet must travel in the luggage or cargo area: a) take a direct flight; b) travel on the same flight as your pet; c) don't travel when temperatures are above 85 degrees Fahrenheit or below 45 degrees Fahrenheit; and d) ask to watch your pet being loaded and unloaded.
- Notify the captain and at least one flight attendant that your pet is in the cargo area.
- Ask that a temperature check be taken on the cargo area. Pets have been harmed because cargo area temperatures got too hot or too cold while the airplane taxied.



National Bird Day

CELEBRATED ON
JANUARY 5, 2023

Whether they're your backyard's star cardinal or the common pigeons that flock to and fro in the park, birds have always held a spot of fascination, love, and adoration in our hearts. There's a certain awe that can only be tapped into when watching an eagle soar. Unfortunately, most birds are either endangered or protected, this is mostly due to habitat loss or illegal pet trade.

That's why the Avian Welfare Coalition created National Bird Day: to raise awareness of the hardships and plights of

these important animals and how we can initiate the change needed to create a healthier, more sustainable relationship with them.

Birds are often considered living links to the past, being the closest-related animals to the evolution of dinosaurs. They're often keystone species in the ecosystems, signifiers of its health and vitality. For example, the holes left behind by woodpeckers are often used as homes for a large variety of other animals. That means if woodpeckers were to run out of a food source – or out of the right kinds of trees – so, too, would all the animals dependent on their pecking skills.

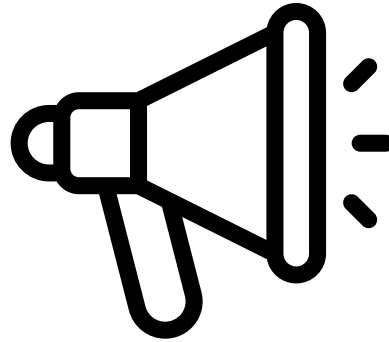
While National Bird Day may be relatively new, having been founded in 2002, the adversity that birds have had to face is nothing novel to the animal kingdom. Just ask the Dodo, the

Labrador Duck, or the Passenger Pigeon, considered sacred by many Native American tribes and often the subject of many works of American art until its demise.

National Bird Day Traditions

- Read an Audubon book *The Birds of America*, created by John James Audubon, is just as much a work of art as it is a seminal work of scientific mastery.
- Build a birdhouse Birds need housing, just like every other animal. As we continue to deforest large swaths of the planet for development, it's imperative for us to create birdhouses to make up for – even just a fraction – the loss of habitat they face everyday.
- Feed some birds Halved grapes, nuts, and seeds. If you've got some trail mix you don't want anymore, birds would love you.

ATTENTION



SAC FYI

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL INFO

Follow Us On TikTok

Your friends at Shawnee Animal Clinic have now joined TikTok! Follow us on the app to see some hilarious and wholesome short veterinary related content.

Heartgard/Nexgard Fall Savings

We are offering free doses of Heartgard and NexGard now until November 2022 on eligible Heartgard & NexGard products. Savings are as follows:

When you purchase 6 doses of an eligible Heartgard product, you receive 1 dose of Heartgard for free.

When you purchase 6 doses of an eligible NexGard product, you receive 1 dose of NexGard for free.

January 2023

National Train Your Dog Month

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<p>New Year's Day</p> <p>Cheers to the New Year! We wish our clients a safe and happy New Year's Day.</p>	<p>National Pet Travel Safety Day</p> <p>Considering traveling with your pet? View our safe travel tips on facebook!</p>			<p>National Bird Day</p> <p>Do you have a favorite bird? Today is the day to celebrate these beautiful creatures.</p>		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						<p>National Dress Up Your Pet Day</p> <p>Head on over to our facebook to see some of our best dressed SAC Pets !</p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p> <p>Join us in celebrating the life of Mr. King and his impact on The Civil Rights Movement.</p>			<p>Know Your Customers Day</p> <p>We would love to get to know you! Stop in and see us today for hot coco with the owner.</p>		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		<p>Change A Pet's Life Day</p> <p>What better day than today to adopt a furry friend? Stop what you're doing and run to Sierra's Haven!</p>				<p>National Fun at Work Day</p> <p>We think every day is fun at work day here, but today we have a special treat for our employees.</p>
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