

HAPPENINGS

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APRIL

ALL MONTH

- ★ PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
- ★ PET FIRST AID AWARENESS
- ★ PREVENTION OF LYME DISEASE IN DOGS
- ★ NATIONAL HEARTWORM AWARENESS

16-22 National Pet ID Week



COURTESY ART MUSEUMS OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG; COURTESY OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CA
SUSAN SCHMIDT; VIRGINIA LIVING MUSEUM; COURTESY EMILY MOORE/THE MUSEUM

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A DOG'S LIFE

So what was life really like for a dog in the 18th century? Now you can find out by taking a guided tour of dog-related art at the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg. Make sure to say hello to Prince, the folk art dog (photo courtesy of the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg). Go to colonialwilliamsburg.com for more information.



Black Dog by Roy De Forest, 1973. © Estate of Roy De Forest / Licensed by VAGA, New York

OF DOGS AND OTHER PEOPLE

Get inspired by the work of American painter and sculptor Roy De Forest. The K9 twist: Dogs can often be found wandering through the colorful and fantasy-like scenes he created. This dog lover artist's style has been called "California Funk." Not sure what that is? Go to the Oakland Museum of CA to check it out. Starts today and runs through August 20th. (museumca.org)

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MAY

MAYDAY FOR MUTTS

Mixed breed dogs take a bow! You've got your own day to celebrate you just being ... well, you. Created to raise awareness of all the wonderful mixed breed dogs in shelters looking for a home, this is a pretty cool holiday. Prospective dog parents: Consider mixing it up with your next dog by choosing a mutt.



WOLF TO WOLF

Today's your last chance to sniff out the Virginia Living Museum's *Wolf to Woof: Story of Dogs* exhibit, running from January 14th through May 14th. Touted as the "largest and most comprehensive traveling exhibition created" that looks at the history, biology and evolution of dogs, this is something canine lovers won't want to miss. Find out more at the vlm.org.

21-27 NATIONAL DOG BITE PREVENTION WEEK



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DOGS & BREWS

Dogs, food trucks and beer tasting — what could be better than this? By making it into a fundraising event for the Reading Public Museum and an awareness event for the Animal Rescue League of Berks County, Pennsylvania. Event runs from noon to 4 pm. What you'll see at the festival: lots of brewery craft vendors, local pet-friendly businesses and food. Want to get in on the fun as a sponsor or participant? Email lindsay.crist@readingpublicmuseum.org.