October 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|---|----------|-----------------------------|--|
| | | | 1 National Fire Pup Day National Black Dog Day 1-7: National Walk Your Dog Week | 2 | 3-9: Animal Welfare Week | 4 World Animal Day |
| 5 | 7-11: Customer Service Week | 7 | National Pet Obesity Awareness Day | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 12-18: National Veterinary Technician Week | • Indigenous Peoples' Day • Thanksgiving (CAN) | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 National Fetch Day |
| 19 | 20 | • Reptile Awareness Day • National Pets for Veterans Day | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 National Pit Bull Awareness Day |
| 26 | 27 National Black Cat Day (UK) | 28 | 29 National Cat Day | 30 | 31 | |

October Monthlong Observances

- National Animal Safety and Protection Month
- Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
- American Humane's Adopt-a-Dog Month[®]
- · National Pet Wellness Month
- National Pitbull Awareness Month
- National Women's Small Business Month

October To-Do List

- Celebrate Customer Service Week by recognizing your employees (if you have them) in some way, whether that's lunch, a bonus, gift cards, etc.
- National Veterinary Technician Week takes place this month, so show local
 vet techs you appreciate them. Drop off a care package at your vet's office,
 or if you have employees who are also vet techs, highlight them and their
 expertise in your company's e-newsletter and/or social media pages.
- Review staffing needs for upcoming holidays. Recruit and train additional pet sitters if necessary prior to the Thanksgiving-New Years rush.
- Send a fall e-newsletter or postcard to clients reminding them to make their holiday reservations.