

# National Pet Month 2011

2 April – 2 May 2011

Happiness is.....time with your pet

## National Pet Month Art Competition

National Pet Month calls on schools and children's groups to hold their own Pet Nose Day during National Pet Month (02 April – 02 May)

National Pet Month, which runs from 02 April – 02 May, is encouraging schools and children's groups to get behind the charity and hold their very own 'Pet Nose Day'.

Using this year's theme – 'Happiness is... time with my pet' – children are encouraged to get in touch with their artistic side by creating a face mask of their favourite pet. Children can be encouraged to paint or decorate them as realistically as possible, or alternatively they could create a favourite pet from their imagination.

It provides a perfect opportunity for teachers and group leaders to talk about the important role pets play in our lives. It's also a great way to get children engaged with animals and pet care – you could even see if a local vet practice, pet shop or animal charity would like to get involved. For those with a pet it enhances what they have already learned; for those without pets, it opens up a whole new world!

National Pet Month is holding a competition looking for the best 'Pet Nose Day' event. The winning school or children's group will be visited by a Pets As Therapy volunteer with their own beautiful, friendly P.A.T. dog. There will be certificates for runners-up.

To get involved:

- Set aside some time to hold your 'Pet Nose Day' event – it can be any time during National Pet Month
- Register it online at [www.nationalpetmonth.org.uk](http://www.nationalpetmonth.org.uk) (register an event)
- Ask the children to create masks of their favourite pets on 'Pet Nose Day'
- Talk about pet care and how pets make us happy
- Take photos of your day and your masks and tell us in no more than 300 words why your event was special

Companion  
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Entries should be submitted to the National Pet Month office no later than Friday 27 May: 3 Crossfield Chambers, Gladbeck Way, Enfield EN2 7HF or [info@nationalpetmonth.org.uk](mailto:info@nationalpetmonth.org.uk).

The winning entry will be decided by the National Pet Month trustees, whose decision is final.

For questions, do not hesitate to contact us at the above address or by telephone: 020 8370 3688 Email: [info@nationalpetmonth.org.uk](mailto:info@nationalpetmonth.org.uk) or log on to [www.nationalpetmonth.org.uk](http://www.nationalpetmonth.org.uk)

*Pets As Therapy is a national charity and is unique in that it provides temperament assessed/vaccinated P.A.T. Dogs and P.A.T. Cats with registered volunteers to hospitals, hospices, residential care homes, day centres, special needs schools and many other establishments, providing comfort, companionship and therapy. There are approximately 4,500 P.A.T. Dogs and 108 P.A.T. Cats bringing benefit to more than 130,000 people of all ages every single week throughout the UK.*

#### Top Ten Tips for Responsible Pet Ownership

1. Think carefully before getting a pet and learn about its special requirements.
2. Ensure your pet is sociable and well trained.
3. Provide a nutritious and well balanced diet.
4. Provide suitable housing and bedding.
5. Clean up after your pet and worm it regularly.
6. Protect against disease. Your vet can provide you with advice.
7. Prevent unwanted litters and neuter your pet when appropriate.
8. Groom your pet regularly.
9. Control your pet and ensure it is properly identified.
10. Take out pet insurance for dogs, cats, rabbits and horses to cover against unexpected veterinary fees and third party liability.

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# 'Happiness is... time with my pet'

## – Art Competition ENTRY FORM

Guidelines: Children to create masks of their favourite pets.

Please complete the form below and return to the National Pet Month office with your competition entry no later than Friday 27 May

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Name:

School/Youth Group:

Year Group (if applicable):

Address:

Email:

Telephone number:

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