

ASPCA Celebrates 142 Years of Protecting Dogs

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The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will celebrate its 142nd anniversary in April, also known as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month.

To commemorate the event, the organization will host the 3rd annual ASPCA Day on April 10 with a combination of civic and community events.

"While we fight animal cruelty day in and day out, April, and specifically ASPCA Day on April 10, is a great time for us to take stock of our progress, and celebrate our bond with animals as a nation," said Ed Sayres, ASPCA president and chief executive officer.

Cities throughout the country will light up in orange, ASPCA's signature color, to show support. Several national icons have already confirmed their participation, including the Empire State Building, Niagra Falls, the Los Angeles Coliseum and the Sears Tower in Chicago.

The ASPCA Day Festival will take place in New York City's Union Square that evening, including live music by the X Brothers featuring Joe Bouchard of Blue Oyster Cult.

This year also marks the 2nd annual Community Leader of 2008 event, a contest where animal enthusiasts show how they "Go Orange for Animals." The most creative entry will receive a trip to New York City, a guided tour of the newly-renovated ASPCA shelter, an opportunity to meet Sayres as well as the organization's Humane Law Enforcement Officers, who are featured on the show "Animal Precinct."

For details, visit www.aspca.org/aspcaday