

# NATIONAL DOG DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

There is a well-known expression that says a dog is a man's best friend. It is right, therefore, that there is a special day to celebrate dogs. This day is National Dog Day. It takes place on the 26th of August. On this day you should let your dog know just how important he or she is. Dogs are very important in our society. Of course, many of us keep a dog as a pet. However, working dogs help many people every day. Our world would not be the same without police dogs, sniffer dogs (who find drugs and bombs), rescue dogs and guide dogs for the blind. National Dog Day's founder, Colleen Paige, said we need "to show deep appreciation for...their endearing patience, unquestioning loyalty, for their work [and] their capacity for love."

Humans have kept dogs as pets for over 15,000 years. It's amazing how quickly word spread around the world that dogs were so intelligent and helpful. The fact that people could tame dogs meant they interacted easily with humans. This led to dogs helping humans hunt, herd animals and protect people. It's also amazing how dogs migrated around the world. Historians believe it is because of sled dogs that the species moved from Russia to Alaska, across the Bering Strait. Today there are about 400 million dogs in the world. Dogs are now big business. Breeders sell pedigree dogs for big money. Unfortunately, many dogs are abused or abandoned and end up in shelters.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a dog is a man's        | a. in our society     |
| 2. It takes place on       | b. people every day   |
| 3. Dogs are very important | c. best friend        |
| 4. working dogs help many  | d. the blind          |
| 5. guide dogs for          | e. love               |
| 6. their capacity for      | f. the 26th of August |

### Paragraph 2

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Humans have kept dogs as pets | a. the world             |
| 2. word spread around            | b. dogs for big money    |
| 3. people could tame             | c. abandoned             |
| 4. dogs migrated                 | d. for over 15,000 years |
| 5. Breeders sell pedigree        | e. dogs                  |
| 6. many dogs are abused or       | f. around the world      |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

There is a \_\_\_\_\_ that says a dog is a man's best friend. It is right, therefore, that there is a special day to celebrate dogs. This day is National Dog Day. It \_\_\_\_\_ 26th of August. On this day you should let your dog know just how important he or she is. Dogs are very \_\_\_\_\_. Of course, many of us keep a dog as a pet. However, working dogs help many people every day. Our world would \_\_\_\_\_ police dogs, sniffer dogs (who find drugs and bombs), rescue dogs and \_\_\_\_\_ blind. National Dog Day's founder, Colleen Paige, said we need "to show deep appreciation for...their endearing patience, \_\_\_\_\_, for their work [and] their capacity for love."

Humans have \_\_\_\_\_ over 15,000 years. It's amazing how quickly word spread around the world that dogs were \_\_\_\_\_. The fact that people could tame dogs meant they \_\_\_\_\_ humans. This led to dogs helping humans hunt, herd animals and protect people. It's also amazing how dogs \_\_\_\_\_ world. Historians believe it is because of sled dogs that \_\_\_\_\_ Russia to Alaska, across the Bering Strait. Today there are about 400 million dogs in the world. Dogs are now big business. Breeders sell pedigree dogs for big money. Unfortunately, many dogs are abused or abandoned and \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

**Put the words into the gaps in the text.**

There is a well-known \_\_\_\_\_ that says a dog is a man's best friend. It is right, therefore, that there is a \_\_\_\_\_ day to celebrate dogs. This day is National Dog Day. It takes place on the 26th of August. On this day you \_\_\_\_\_ let your dog know just how important he or she is. Dogs are very important in our society. Of course, many of us \_\_\_\_\_ a dog as a pet. However, working dogs help many people every day. Our world would not be the same without police dogs, sniffer dogs (who find \_\_\_\_\_ and bombs), \_\_\_\_\_ dogs and guide dogs for the blind. National Dog Day's founder, Colleen Paige, said we need "to show \_\_\_\_\_ appreciation for...their endearing patience, unquestioning loyalty, for their work [and] their \_\_\_\_\_ for love."

*deep*  
*should*  
*capacity*  
*keep*  
*expression*  
*drugs*  
*special*  
*rescue*

Humans have \_\_\_\_\_ dogs as pets for over 15,000 years. It's amazing how quickly word \_\_\_\_\_ around the world that dogs were so intelligent and helpful. The fact that people could \_\_\_\_\_ dogs meant they interacted easily with humans. This led to dogs helping humans hunt, \_\_\_\_\_ animals and protect people. It's also amazing how dogs migrated around the world. Historians believe it is because of sled dogs that the \_\_\_\_\_ moved from Russia to Alaska, across the Bering Strait. Today there are about 400 million dogs in the world. Dogs are now big \_\_\_\_\_. Breeders sell pedigree dogs for \_\_\_\_\_ money. Unfortunately, many dogs are \_\_\_\_\_ or abandoned and end up in shelters.

*herd*  
*spread*  
*abused*  
*business*  
*kept*  
*tame*  
*big*  
*species*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

There is a well-known *expression / express* that says a dog is a man's best friend. It is right, therefore, that there is a special day to *celebrate / celebration* dogs. This day is National Dog Day. It takes place on the 26th of August. On this day you should let your dog know just how important he or she is. Dogs are very *importance / important* in our society. Of course, many of us *keeps / keep* a dog as a pet. However, working dogs help many people every day. Our world would not be the same without police dogs, sniffer dogs (who find drugs and *bombs / bombings*), rescue dogs and *guides / guide* dogs for the blind. National Dog Day's founder, Colleen Paige, said we need "to show *depth / deep* appreciation for...their endearing patience, unquestioning loyalty, for their work [and] their capacity for *love / lovely*."

Humans have *kept / keeping* dogs as pets for over 15,000 years. It's amazing how quickly *words / word* spread around the world that dogs were so intelligent and helpful. The *factual / fact* that people could tame dogs meant they interacted easily with humans. This *led / leads* to dogs helping humans hunt, herd animals and protect people. It's also amazing how dogs *migrated / migration* around the world. Historians believe it is because of sled dogs that the species moved from Russia to Alaska, across the Bering Strait. Today there are about 400 million dogs in the world. Dogs are now *large / big* business. Breeders sell pedigree dogs for big money. Unfortunately, many dogs are *abused / abusers* or abandoned and end *up / down* in shelters.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

There is a well-known (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that says a dog is a man's best friend. It is right, therefore, that there is a special day to celebrate dogs. This day is National Dog Day. It takes (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on the 26th of August. On this day you should let your dog know just how important he or she is. Dogs are very important in our (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Of course, many of us keep a dog as a pet. However, working dogs help many people every day. Our world would not be the same without police dogs, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ dogs (who find drugs and bombs), rescue dogs and guide dogs for the blind. National Dog Day's (5) \_\_\_\_\_, Colleen Paige, said we need "to show deep appreciation for...their endearing patience, unquestioning loyalty, for their work [and] their capacity for (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Humans have (7) \_\_\_\_\_ dogs as pets for over 15,000 years. It's amazing how quickly word spread around the world that dogs were so (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and helpful. The fact that people could tame dogs meant they interacted (9) \_\_\_\_\_ with humans. This led to dogs helping humans hunt, herd animals and protect people. It's also amazing how dogs migrated around the world. Historians believe it is because of sled dogs that the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ moved from Russia to Alaska, across the Bering Strait. Today there are about 400 million dogs in the world. Dogs are now (11) \_\_\_\_\_ business. Breeders sell pedigree dogs for big money. Unfortunately, many dogs are abused or abandoned and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ up in shelters.

### Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                  |                 |                   |                |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) express      | (b) expressive  | (c) expressed     | (d) expression |
| 2.  | (a) place        | (b) placing     | (c) placed        | (d) places     |
| 3.  | (a) social       | (b) society     | (c) socialize     | (d) socially   |
| 4.  | (a) sniff        | (b) sniffer     | (c) sniffed       | (d) sniffs     |
| 5.  | (a) findings     | (b) funding     | (c) founder       | (d) fonder     |
| 6.  | (a) love         | (b) lovely      | (c) lover         | (d) loved      |
| 7.  | (a) kept         | (b) keep        | (c) keeping       | (d) keeps      |
| 8.  | (a) intelligence | (b) intelligent | (c) intelligently | (d) intellect  |
| 9.  | (a) easy         | (b) easier      | (c) easily        | (d) easiest    |
| 10. | (a) special      | (b) specialize  | (c) species       | (d) specially  |
| 11. | (a) large        | (b) fat         | (c) obese         | (d) big        |
| 12. | (a) final        | (b) last        | (c) over          | (d) end        |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. a well-known esiepnrxos
2. a special day to ertacebel
3. important in our iytsoec
4. eceusr dogs
5. National Dog Day's drnfoue
6. their tcyacpia for love

### Paragraph 2

7. word dpreas around the world
8. people could maet dogs
9. ottepcr people
10. the isespec moved from Russia
11. many dogs are asbeud
12. end up in elersht



## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) Humans have kept dogs as pets for over 15,000 years. It's amazing how quickly word spread around
- ( ) the world that dogs were so intelligent and helpful. The fact that people could tame dogs meant they interacted
- ( ) dogs, sniffer dogs (who find drugs and bombs), rescue dogs and guide dogs for the
- ( ) a dog as a pet. However, working dogs help many people every day. Our world would not be the same without police
- ( ) day to celebrate dogs. This day is National Dog Day. It takes place on the 26th of August. On this day you should
- ( ) dogs migrated around the world. Historians believe it is because of sled dogs that the species moved from
- ( ) blind. National Dog Day's founder, Colleen Paige, said we need "to show deep appreciation
- ( ) let your dog know just how important he or she is. Dogs are very important in our society. Of course, many of us keep
- ( ) the world. Dogs are now big business. Breeders sell pedigree dogs for big money. Unfortunately, many
- ( ) Russia to Alaska, across the Bering Strait. Today there are about 400 million dogs in
- ( ) easily with humans. This led to dogs helping humans hunt, herd animals and protect people. It's also amazing how
- ( **1** ) There is a well-known expression that says a dog is a man's best friend. It is right, therefore, that there is a special
- ( ) dogs are abused or abandoned and end up in shelters.
- ( ) for...their endearing patience, unquestioning loyalty, for their work [and] their capacity for love."

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. A friend best man's a is dog.

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2. the It 26th takes of place August on.

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3. very are Dogs society our in important.

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4. people many help dogs Working day every.

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5. Show patience endearing their for appreciation deep.

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6. for dogs Humans 15,000 over as have years pets kept.

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7. amazing quickly spread It's how word.

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8. could people that fact The dogs tame.

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9. dogs world are million the There 400 in about.

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10. many abandoned dogs are Unfortunately abused , or.

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**DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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**DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# THE NATIONAL DOG DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about National Dog Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

**Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.**



## HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find more information about National Dog Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about National Dog Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. POSTER:** Make your own poster about National Dog Day. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.