HUMANE SOCIETY OF MISSOURI	December 2017 www.hsmo.org					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Make holiday cards with humane themes for friends and family.	December is a busy month. Don't let pets be forgotten!
3 A gift certificate from an animal shelter is an EXCELLENT gift!	Don't ask for a pet as a gift. Pets should be welcomed into a new home quietly and gently. Wait 'til after the hectic holidays. Then you'll have more time to spend getting to know each other.	Give a gift to all animals- spay or neuter your pet! There aren't enough good homes for all of them!	6 ADOPT! Friends can't be bought.	Give a gift to nature this holiday season. Save a tree by wrapping your gifts with newpapers and comics.	Instead of buying a present for someone on your list, make one instead. The best gifts are from the heart.	Are you going to be away from home for the holidays? If so, plan now who will care for your pets!
Don't forget to add gifts for pets to your shopping list. They deserve treats too.	What problems can animals face during the rush of the holiday season? How can you help them?	Don't throw food on the side of the road. Wild animals may be hit when they come to eat it. Put trash in its proper place.	Does your pet need a new ID tag? That would be one of the BEST (and useful!) gifts you could give him/her	14 The snow can be a lot of fun, but it can be cold too. Can you think of ways to help the animals that are out in the cold and snow?	Tonight would be a great night for movie watching. Rent "Shiloh" and watch it with your pet.	16 Think of ways that you can pass on the message of kindness to all animals. Call a friend to share ideas.
17 Chewing on decorations can be dangerous to your pet. Keep decorations out of their reach.	Remind people not to give pets as gifts. If your family wants a pet, wait until the holidays are over - then visit an animal shelter to choose a pet.	Holiday excitement is in the air. Burn off some of your energy by playing with your pet. You'll all feel better!	Make today your "pet project" day. Bathe and brush a pet. Now every member of your family is spiffed up for the holidays.	21 Brrrwinter begins today. Don't leave your pets outside when it's cold. Bring them in and be sure to give them lots of warm hugs. It will warm you both!	Don't forget to feed the birds!	For the holidays (and always!) Unchain my heart!
Christmas Eve New Year's Eve Kiss your pet!	25 What is a gift you can give anytime? Your friendship and kindness! Christmas	26 Kwanzaa begins If you don't know what this holiday is about, ask someone that does. Understanding one another helps our world.	27 Are you all wound up from the holidays? Take your pet for a brisk walk. They'll like the attention.	28 Just because pets have a fur coat doesn't mean they don't get cold! Bring 'em in with YOU!	Think back on how you helped make the world a better place this year. What can you do next year to help even more?	30 Keep your pet safe from the festivities. Loud noises and lots of people can make some pets nervous.