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World Rabies Day: Vaccinate Animals Against Rabies

On September 28th, rabies experts, health practitioners and activists joined together on World Rabies Day to raise awareness about rabies prevention. Rabies is the oldest and deadliest disease known to mankind, but it is 100% preventable. This year, HCC’s Veterinary Technology Club highlighted the plight of 55,000 people still dying needlessly from the disease each year. Nearly half of them are in African countries, and are likely to be children under the age of 15.

The main carriers of rabies in African countries are unvaccinated dogs, so if dogs are vaccinated, we can prevent the disease from spreading to humans.

“What routine vaccination of animals, and post exposure vaccination of bite victims, is crucial in rabies prevention”, said Peter Costa, Communications Coordinator for the Global Alliance for Rabies Control.

What can you do to help?

· Locally, raccoons and bats are the most common transmitters of rabies. Be cautious when encountering wildlife; avoid contact if you see these animals during the day, as that is abnormal behavior for the species.

· Make sure your companion animals are vaccinated against rabies; this is the only sure method of protection.

· Download free posters, flyers and educational materials from www.worldrabiesday.org/EN/education-bank.html

· Contact the veterinary technology club at hccvettechclub@gmail.com for more information about how you can help or if you have questions.

More information on World Rabies Day can be found at the official website:
http://rabiesalliance.org/world-rabies-day
PTK was ‘hilariously filthy’ participating in the Adopt a Road program on October 26th. PTK Members cleaned up items along both sides of Wilder Road. Clean-up is opened to everyone. Members will meet again on **November 23rd** at 9 a.m. in front of the Trinkle Building. All are welcomed!
SGA Happenings

By Anabeatriz Fuentes

Something is always going on around campus thanks to SGA and other clubs. The Latin American Student Association (LASA) has been especially active with putting on events for Hispanic Heritage month which runs from September 15th to October 15th. Many events were held by LASA and SGA in September, leading into October for breast cancer awareness month.

LASA took the lead by hosting September’s movie night. Movie night is usually put on by SGA, but now clubs are able to take over concession to raise funds towards their club and LASA was the first! LASA members were able to raise approximately $40 towards future events during the showing of Monster’s University. It was also the first movie night to be held at our newly renovated outside amphitheater. Students who came to the movie received a blanket or chair provided by SGA.

LASA kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with the Piñata Bash, followed by Fiesta Latina and the Hispanic Professional Discussion panel. Kicking off the heritage month, the Piñata Bash was held at Hawk’s Nest. There, members passed out goodie bags filled with Mexican candies, maracas and more. The next event, Fiesta Latina was also a huge hit. The “Latin Festivity” was held in Trinkle where lunch was provided by Moe’s. A live DJ had the dance floor going and dance lessons were set up. Everyone who got up and participated in the dancing or the scavenger hunt were entered in a drawing to win a gas card. And finally, LASA finished of celebrating Hispanic Heritage with the Hispanic Professional Panel where speakers came in to inform students about different careers and the importance of education.

A group of students got together with SGA members to put on a special event in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. A crew of ladies secretly handmade tutus, decorated t-shirts and rehearsed the cupid shuffle as a way to promote the event. On event day, some of the ladies took part in a flash mob in the middle of the administration building and got other students to participate in the cupid shuffle in support of the event. The event itself was held in the Trinkle building where students got the chance to listen to a few speakers who have dealt with breast cancer. A bra decorating contest was held where many students participated. Students also got to choose from designing their own bracelet, necklace, earrings or key chain thanks to SGA.
JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
Noon to 1:00pm

Lunch & Learn

Autism Awareness
presented by
Nicole Bargeran

Join us to learn more about
Autism and Asperger Syndrome.
What are they, how do they affect our students,
and what can we do to work with individuals
that fall on the spectrum?

Students, Faculty, & Staff are invited to participate!

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In the John R. Trinkle Center
Room 120