

In addition to the camp activities provided in the bulletin, we have also provided some specific camp activities and suggested topics related to winter and spring camps. For additional camp ideas, see the April 2019 HEART Network bulletin on Summer Camps, which can be found from the Network Member Center.

### WINTER CAMP ACTIVITIES

- **Keep Cats Safe and Warm**
  - Teach campers about taking care of community cats, TNR, and how to make a warming shelter. You can even make these warming shelters with the campers by pre-cutting the holes in advance and having the campers do the rest. ([Community cat warming shelter instructions.](#))
- **Helping Our Bird Friends**
  - Teach campers about habitat loss and how providing bird feeders, especially in the winter, can help birds when food may be scarce. ([Homemade bird feeder instructions.](#))
- **Saving Our Dogs' Paws**
  - Teach campers about keeping their dogs safe in the winter. ([Protect your dog's paws activity #1](#), [Protect your dog's paws activity #2.](#))
- **It's Too Cold Out There!**
  - Make "If You're Cold, They're Cold: Bring Them In" educational posters, social media campaigns, and/or PSA videos.
- **Explore the Outdoors**
  - Lead campers on a winter nature hike. Make sure everyone has proper attire and boots.
- **Read-Aloud/Movie and Winter Vegan Treats**
  - Consider doing a read-aloud of your favorite humane education book or a screening of a humane-themed movie. While campers are listening or watching, serve some delicious vegan hot cocoa with vegan marshmallows.

### SPRING CAMP ACTIVITIES

- **Spruce It Up!**
  - Plan some beautification projects around your shelter or sanctuary.
- **Homes for Wildlife**
  - Create homes for native wildlife by planting native flowers to attract pollinators, making toad abodes, and building bee homes. If you have the space for it, campers can even create an urban habitat for wildlife at your facility.
- **Springtime is Spay and Neuter Time!**
  - Focus on the importance of spaying/neutering, especially TNR for community cats, who can have many litters of kittens during the spring.
- **Reduce Animal Homelessness All Year 'Round**
  - Focus on animal homelessness and concerns about animals being out in extreme weather (springtime can bring a lot of rain, and some places can become very hot during the spring).
- **Bunnies, Chicks, and Ducks, Oh My!**
  - Provide lessons about compassion toward bunnies, chicks, and ducks. (Consider telling the holiday animals stories from our September 2019 bulletin, [Animals and the Holidays](#), which you can access from the Network Member Center.)
- **The Rebirth of Spring**
  - Take campers to the park to observe the natural world and everything that is growing and in bloom. They might even see animal babies with their parents in their natural habitats, like duck and goose families.