

Pets and Wildlife Calendar: April 4 and beyond

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Maine Coon Cat Adoptions: Cat adoptions held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. first weekends monthly at Pet Food Express, 3868 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. www.mainecoonadoptions.com (<http://www.mainecoonadoptions.com>).

National Service Animal Eye Exam Event: The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists will conduct free eye exams to eligible service animals throughout the month of May. Clinics and hospitals in San Francisco, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Fremont, Palo Alto, Pleasant Hill, San Carlos, San Rafael and Santa Rosa will be participating in the event. To qualify, Service Animals must be "active working animals" that were certified by a formal training program or organization, or are currently enrolled in a formal training program. Owners/agents for the animals must first register the animal via an online registration form beginning April 1 at www.ACVOeyeexam.org (<http://www.ACVOeyeexam.org>). Registration ends April 30.

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- **Wake Up The Farm:** Say good morning to the sheep and goats and help prepare a morning snack for them. 10:30-11 a.m. April 4. Ardenwood, 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont. www.ebparks.org (<http://www.ebparks.org>).
- **Identifying Bird Eggs:** Help identify birds, their eggs and their nests. Learn how nests are built and what materials are used. 2-3 p.m. April 4. Big Break, 69 Big Break Road, Oakley. 510-544-3050, BigBreakVisit@ebparks.org (<mailto:BigBreakVisit@ebparks.org>).

Crow Canyon Cat Club Allbreed Cat Show: Fancy felines from around the country will be on display and competing for Best Cat at the 35th annual Cat Fanciers Association (CFA) cat show presented by Crow Canyon Cat Club. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 4-5. Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton. \$5-\$20. www.crowcanyoncatclub.org (<http://www.crowcanyoncatclub.org>).

Baby Tarantula and Wildflower Hikes: Naturalist Jim Holmes leads two-mile hikes through blooming spring wildflowers in search of newly hatched tarantula babies. Bring liquids, dress in layers and wear comfortable hiking shoes. Rain or severe winds cancel. 3-5 p.m. Saturdays, April 4-25. Meet at the Mitchell Canyon Visitors Center, 96 Mitchell Canyon Road, Clayton. \$15 per person. \$6 parking. For reservations, call 925-627-2913 or visit www.lindsaywildlife.org (<http://www.lindsaywildlife.org>).

Wildflower and Butterfly Hikes: See butterflies, wildflowers and six-legged "friends" during Mount Diablo Interpretive Association's hikes and events. Riggs Canyon Hike: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 10. Frog Pond and Green Ranch Hike: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 12. Butterfly Walk: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 18. Butterflies and Insects of Contra Costa County: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 19. Pine Canyon, Wall Point and Pine Ridge Hike: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 26. Details at www.mdia.org (<http://www.mdia.org>).

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