Every Day's a Holiday

August 5th is

WORK LIKE A DOG DAY

Work like a dog is an expression that means to do hard work all day long. But what does that have to do with dogs? Most dogs are pets and get to be lazy, but some dogs do have tough jobs. Today is a day to celebrate hardworking humans, hardworking dogs, and a time to do some hard work yourself!

Working Dog Facts

- Working dogs are one of the 7 groups of dogs in the AKC. German Shepherds, Rottweilers, and Doberman Pinschers are three of the most popular breeds in the group.
- When people think of police dogs, they usually think of German Shepherds, but law enforcement often uses beagles too! They have very strong noses and they are much less intimidating than the bigger dogs so they work well in places like airports where there might be crowds or children.
- You probably know dogs help people who are visually impaired. But you might not know how much work goes into becoming a guide dog. Training the dog can take from 6 months to 2 years. But that's not all! The person needs to be trained on how to use the dog which can take another 2 to 3 weeks.
- Dalmatians are traditionally firehouse dogs, but did you ever wonder why? With great speed and endurance, Dalmatians were used in the past to escort carriages. That same set of attributes was perfect for running alongside a fire engine. These days, though, Dalmatians are more of a house mascot than a part of the firefighting team.

Celebrate Hard Work!

- Write a thank you letter to someone whose hard work you benefit from. Maybe a community helper, someone whose business you use, or even one of your parents.
- Take on a big project today. Clean up the house, take care of yard, write a story, learn a new skill, or see if anyone else needs help. Even if you don't have fun while you are doing it, you'll feel great when you're done!
- Do you have a dog? Even if they aren't a working dog, they probably try there best to make you happy. Pay them back with a long walk or a big play session.