

Let's take it TWO steps further. It can work to a person's advantage if the hour and the month of the year are also in harmony with the person's earthly branch. I must stress that this is only a general way of making the best of the situation with the limited information that is provided here. A more complete and precise analysis of a person's best timing requires a much more in-depth interpretation of the individual's "Bà Zi" (Four Pillars).

So let's say, if you are born in the year of a Dog, check with the table below to see if the day in question is compatible to your yearly earthly branch. If it is not, I advise against taking any action that particular day.

October 2004 MONTH OF JIA XU (Yang Wood Dog)																																
ALMANAC FOR SELECTING GOOD AND BAD DAYS ACCORDING TO YOUR EARTHLY BRANCH																																
G (Good) = COMPATIBLE DAYS WITH YOUR EARTHLY BRANCH																																
A (Average) = NEUTRAL DAYS																																
B (Bad) = TAKE NO RISKS (STAY LOW)																																
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Your Earthly Branch	F	S	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6		
v Rat	B	A	A	A	G	G	G	A	A	G	B	A	G	G	A	G	G	G	A	G	B	A	B	G	G	G	G	A	A	G		
π Ox	G	A	A	A	G	G	A	A	G	B	G	B	G	G	G	G	A	G	B	G	G	G	B	G	G	A	G	G	B			
ρ Tiger	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		
τ Rabbit	A	B	G	G	A	G	G	B	G	A	A	G	G	B	G	G	A	B	G	G	A	A	G	G	A	B	G	B	G	G		
ϖ Dragon	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		
ξ Snake	G	G	G	B	A	B	A	A	G	A	A	G	G	G	G	B	G	G	G	A	G	G	G	G	G	B	G	B	G	G		
β Horse	G	G	A	G	B	A	G	G	A	G	G	G	A	A	B	A	B	G	G	G	G	G	A	G	B	A	A	G	B	A		
δ Sheep	G	A	G	B	G	B	A	G	G	G	G	A	G	B	G	G	A	B	G	G	G	G	G	B	G	A	A	G	A	B		
φ Monkey	G	A	B	A	G	G	B	A	G	G	G	G	B	G	A	G	A	A	B	A	A	A	B	A	G	G	G	A	G	G		
η Rooster	A	B	A	A	A	G	G	B	G	A	G	B	G	A	A	A	G	G	A	B	A	B	A	A	G	G	G	G	G	G		
φ Dog	B	A	G	G	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	G	A	A	A	B	G	A	G	A	A	G	G	A	A		
λ Boar	A	A	G	G	A	A	A	G	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	G	G	A	B	G	B	G	A	A	A	G	G	A	B		

Now say that the day is an auspicious one for you and you want to start a new business, you would choose the good days to open a business from this almanac, you may want the door opening ceremony conducted or sign contract on the hours that are compatible to you and they are the hours of (5am – 7am), (11am – 1pm) and (3am – 5am). Now, even if it is not a good day, at least try to use the good hours for important things. Below is a table that offers the corresponding compatibility of the twelve earthly branches. If you do not know your Chinese animal use the chart below, it is also worth double-checking.

Animal	-	Best times of day (Compatible branches hours)
Rat	子	11:00pm - 12:59am 01:00am - 02:59am 07:00am - 08:59am 03:00pm - 04:59pm
Ox	丑	01:00am - 02:59am 09:00am - 10:59am 05:00pm - 06:59pm 11:00pm - 12:59am
Tiger	寅	03:00am - 04:59am 11:00am - 12: 59pm 07:00pm - 08:59pm 09:00pm - 10:59pm
Rabbit	卯	05:00am - 06:59am 01:00pm - 02:59pm 07:00pm - 08:59pm 09:00pm - 10:59pm
Dragon	辰	07:00am - 08:59am 11:00pm - 12:59am 03:00pm - 04:59pm 05:00pm - 06:59pm
Snake	巳	01:00am - 02:59am 09:00am - 10:59am 03:00pm - 04:59pm 05:00pm - 06:59pm
Horse	午	03:00am - 04:59am 11:00am - 12:59pm 01:00pm - 02:59pm 07:00pm - 08:59pm
Goat/Sheep	未	05:00am - 06:59am 11:00am - 12:59pm 01:00pm - 02:59pm 09:00pm - 10:59pm
Monkey	申	11:00pm - 12:59am 07:00am - 08:59am 09:00am - 10:59am 03:00pm - 04:59pm
Rooster	酉	01:00am - 02:59am 07:00am - 08:59am 09:00am - 10:59am 05:00pm - 06:59pm
Dog	戌	03:00am - 04:59am 05:00am - 06:59am 11:00am - 12:59pm 07:00pm - 08:59pm
Pig	亥	03:00am - 04:59am 05:00am - 06:59am 01:00pm - 02:59pm 09:00pm - 10:59pm

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