



In an ongoing show of support for *World Animal Day*, all animals and issues affecting them, writers, artists, and other media professionals announce:

Celebrate *World Animal Day*, October 4!

The authors, illustrators and media professionals listed below wish to show their support for World Animal Day, an annual event occurring on October 4.

Our relationships with animals define us as humans. Through their eyes we see how we can individually live with respect for Nature and all of Her children. In understanding the sheer number of species, animals teach us to understand and appreciate the diversity of our own human species. By treating animals with respect, we learn to love each other and ourselves. When we observe mistreatment of animals and stand by doing nothing to prevent it, we destroy our own virtues and futures.

Animals of all species make our lives richer beyond all measure. Whether it is our canine counterparts, a species that has co-evolved and shared our lives for millennia, or wilder animals such as tigers that very few of us will ever come in contact with, every species adds another irreplaceable layer to our lives. We are part and parcel of the same frail yet amazing cycle of nature; we are raised to new heights by the discovery of each new species, and lessened when a species passes into extinction.

In this spirit, we embrace animals in all their forms. We thank them for their lives and all they bring to us – assistance, companionship, and even survival of our own species. We extend our hands to their paws, hooves, claws, wings, fins, tentacles and feet as we celebrate a day in the common thread of life.

Please join us. Find out how you can participate in World Animal Day at www.worldanimalday.uk.org

Signed

- **Jill Christine Carpenter**, artist and illustrator, co-founder of GrokQuest!, LLC.
- **Pauline Dewberry**, author and founder of *TheDailyMews.com*
- **Deborah Eades**, author of *Every Rescued Dog Has a Tale: Stories from the Dog Rescue Railroad*
- **Lori Golden**, editor of *The Pet Press*, Los Angeles

- **Barbara Florio Graham**, author and publishing consultant, *SimonTeakettle.com*
- **Bernadette E.. Kazmarski**, artist and writer, *bernadette-k.com*
- **Ed Kostro**, author of *Through Katrina's Eyes, Poems from an Animal Rescuer's Soul*
- **Stacy Mantle**, author of *Conquering the Food Chain: Living Amongst Animals (Without Becoming One)*; founder of *PetsWeekly.com*
- **Robert McCarty**, author of children's book series *Planet of the Dogs*
- **Martha Music**, facilitator for *Talk With Your Animals* broadcast
- **Ryan O'Meara**, editor-in-chief of *K9 Magazine*; managing director of *k9media.net*
- **Bob Palaikis & Jacob Gray**, co-founders of People In The Arts Foundation, Inc. (PITA)
- **Anders Porter**, editorial & content manager, *Dogster.com, Catster.com & Snuzzy.com*
- **Wendy Nan Rees**, author and pet lifestyle specialist
- **Barbara Gail Techel**, author of *Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Dog*; *joyfulpaws.com*

Joy Ward, author of *Haint: A Tale of Extraterrestrial Intervention and Love Across Time and Space* and editor emeritus of *For Love of Dog Blog*

- **Jim Willis**, author of *Pieces of My Heart –Writings Inspired by Animals and Nature*
- **Kari Winters**, author of *Princess Fiona: My Purr-sonal Story* and health columnist for *The Pet Press*, Los Angeles
- **Cayr Ariel Wulff**, author of *Born Without a Tail* and artist of *yelodoggie.com*

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