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### World Animal Day

World Animal Day takes place every year on 4 October. Animal welfare groups, sanctuaries and individuals throughout the world hold special events to heighten public awareness of animal issues and to encourage people to think about how we as humans relate to animals.

Be part of something special and find out how you can get involved in World Animal Day 2005.

World Animal Day was launched in the UK on 4 October 2003. Organisations and individuals who participated in what was to become an annual event in this country, quite simply, helped make history.

Hundreds of people also took the opportunity to make a pledge for the animals. Meanwhile in other parts of the world, WAD continued to grow.

World Animal Day (WAD) is a special opportunity for anyone who loves animals. WAD was started in 1931 at a convention of ecologists in Florence as a way of highlighting the plight of endangered species. Since then it has grown to

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encompass all kinds of animal life and has been widely celebrated in countries as diverse as Australia and Malta, Singapore and Lithuania.

In 2004, exciting events took place around the world, ranging from large educational initiatives in Syria and Nepal to local events dotted across Romania, throughout the USA and in many other countries.

And the aim is to encourage everybody to use this special day to commemorate our love and respect for animals. So let's make a start and get involved now!

World Animal Day - Mission Statement

- \* To celebrate animal life in all its forms
  - \* To celebrate humankind's relationship with the animal kingdom
  - \* To acknowledge the diverse roles that animals play in our lives – from providing food, through being our companions, to supporting and helping us, to bringing a sense of wonder into our lives
  - \* To acknowledge and be thankful for the way in which animals enrich our lives
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