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International Friends

World Animal Day 2008

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Love, Care and Protection on October 4th.



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Posted by George DeGiovanni, Contributing Editor, Best Friends International.

Every day in most countries we celebrate animals with love, care and protection the best we can. However once a year on October 4th, we as a world come together to celebrate our relationship with all of the animals in the world.

World Animal Day began in 1931, when ecologists at a conference in Florence nominated 4 October (the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals) as an ideal way of highlighting the plight of endangered species. Since then World Animal Day has evolved to encompass all animals and is celebrated in many countries.



Many animals like the snow leopard have dangerously low numbers in their population. The total wild population of the snow leopard is estimated at between 4,000 and 7,500 individuals. In 1972 the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, (IUCN) placed the snow leopard on its Red List of Threatened Species as "Endangered," the same classification given the panda and the tiger. There are also 600-700 snow leopards in zoos around the world.

The aim of the World Animal Day website is to unite the animal welfare movement by encouraging everybody interested in animals throughout the world to use this special day to express their love and concern for animals and to celebrate our unique relationship with the animal kingdom and the numerous ways in which animals enrich our lives. World Animal Day is not linked to any one individual, organization or campaign, but belongs to everyone and that means YOU!

What you can do:

Visit the official World Animal Day website at www.worldanimalday.org.uk for ideas of how to get involved and in the resources section you will find everything you need to organize a successful World Animal Day event. It's all there waiting for you! Many of the ideas are relatively easy to organize, however, if you feel like being a bit more adventurous, you will also find ideas that require a little more time and effort – but with a few helpers on board anything is possible.

The website features an event listing facility to provide free publicity to any group or individual who is doing something special connected with animals on or around 4th October. Whatever you choose to do, sign the pledge board on the website to show you care and to inspire others. Please spread the word and pass on the website address to anyone you know who might be interested in getting involved. You don't have to be an animal welfare campaigner or even a pet-owner to get involved - you just have to care.

For further information, contact Debbie Dawson at United Kingdom phone number 01242 252871
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