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Animals gather in Sydney for blessing

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Police horses and Customs dogs will be among hundreds of animals outside St Marys Cathedral in Sydney today for the World Animal Day Festival.

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The day is celebrated around the world as the feast day of St Francis Of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

In Sydney there will be a blessing of the animals from midday, with pet owners expected to bring dogs, cats, ferrets, birds and mice.

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