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World Animal Day being observed today

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LONDON: You may not know it, but animals around the world have a special day all of their own!

World Animal Day which takes place on October 4th was first launched in 1931 at a convention of ecologists to draw attention to the plight of endangered species. Its scope has since developed to encompass the animal kingdom in general.

4th October was chosen for the day because it is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

World Animal Day is intended as a day of celebration for anyone in the world who cares about animals. It is not restricted to any one nationality, creed, religion, political belief or ideology.

So, the day is celebrated annually in many countries throughout the world. Co-ordinating bodies for these events are highly respected organizations.

Visit the World Animal Day website <http://www.worldanimalday.org.uk> to learn more about this special day and for lots more ideas about how you can help celebrate October 4th 2008.



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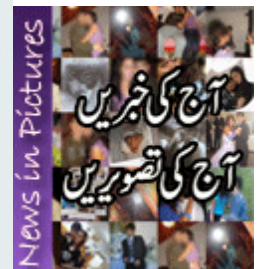
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