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World Animal Day: 4 October

The aim of World Animal Day is to celebrate animal life in all its forms as well as humankind's relationship with the animal kingdom. October 4 was chosen because it is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, however the days is not restricted to any particular religion. It was set up in 1931 as a way of highlighting the plight of endangered species. Since then it has grown to encompass all kinds of animal life and is widely celebrated in countries throughout the world.

For further information, and ideas and support for celebrating World Animal Day in schools, visit: www.worldanimalday.org.uk. You can also find details of teaching resources on the Global Dimension Website by doing a search on the topic of 'Animal welfare'.

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